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SOCCER POOLS

by Jock Stephen

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Don't be alarmed my friends, because even if we are unable to collect on October 19th, we can turn over to a new page on October 26th. The only radical change-over will be that all the familiar Permutations will have to be stored away. They could be revived in the future, however, when the simple Systems are fully understood.

The only word of warning which I will give is recheck your coupon again before finishing, to make sure that you have the correct number of selections corresponding with the System chosen. Say, System 4 should have 14 selections, no more no less, otherwise your entry is null and void. Now to get down to the nitty-gritty. Second Division English League promises a fantastic chain of draws, which in my opinion, could put you on the way to a dividend winning line. Third Division should give strong support with five likely draws. My NAP HAND THIS WEEK is Tottenham v. Arsenal, Oldham v. York, Sunderland v. Aston Villa, Tranmere v. Huddersfield and Celtic v. Hibernians. There's FIVE ACES for you. So friends, let's hope we can take it off for the final flutter on the LIVERPOOLS.

BEST OF LUCK

BITS AND PIECES

It appears to me that a players age has more to do with his success than any other factor. Take a line from the recent World Cup teams. The youngest team was Poland with an average age of 24, and the eldest two countries were Italy and Sweden with an average of 28. Going by this theory, you are on the skids after that. The average age of all World Cup players was 26, with 24 players over 30 years and 27 players under the age of 22. The player with the most caps was easily Brazil's Jairzinho who is very close to his century of appearances.

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The only team in the English League to have a



clean sheet in their goals against column at home is Chester in the 4th Division. It does look odd to see a record like this; CHESTER... Played 11 Won 5 Drawn 0 Lost 0 Goals For 11 Against 0, for their home games, and then the away: Won 1 Drew 1 lost 4 Goals for 2 Against 9. Points 13. Their next home game is on 19th October against Crewe, who at this date are level with 13 points.

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UNBELIEVABLE- DRAMATIC-TENSE

Who can ever forget the incredible chain of circumstance which surrounded the F.A. Cup Final of 1953? To be there was the ultimate in pleasure. It was Blackpool's third Cup final in six years. And for the third time the winner's medal was eluding Stanley Matthews. It was the final football honour that Matthews wanted to cap his illustrious career. Surely his cause was absolutely hopeless. With 20 minutes to go Bolton were leading 3-1 and their grip on the Cup was firm.

Then Matthews took charge and transformed the scene with magic. Little Ernie Taylor, sensing the great man was mounting an unplayable spell, served him like a faithful slave and Stan Mortensen became the hammer of the attack. With 15 minutes to go, Matthews made a wonderful dribble and from the centre Mortensen made the score 2-3. In desperation, Bolton pulled back forwards to reinforce the defence. But 3 minutes to go Mortensen was fouled on the edge of the penalty area. A barrier of Bolton men lined up as he prepared to take the free-kick but the wily Mortensen had seen a gap and hit the ball onto it unerringly. 3-3. WHEW! With only a minute to go, Matthews got the ball on the touchline. He pulled it inside one defender, swayed to the outside of another, left him with a burst of speed, and cut in. As Matt Barrass came across, Matthews slipped the ball to the unmarked Bill Perry, who flashed it home.

The unbelievable had happened with only seconds left. The crowd were on its feet, hardened fans were in tears, the Press box was just a bedlam of excited reporters. No actor has ever will surpass the dramatic timing with which STANLEY MATTHEWS fashioned victory from defeat. All round the globe, short wave radios were transmitting the electrifying

English Division One:

Birmingham City 1, Coventry City 2; Carlisle United 0; Liverpool 1; Everton 1, Newcastle United 1; Leeds United 2, Arsenal 0; Leicester City 0, Luton Town 0; Manchester City 1, Chelsea 1; Middlesbrough 2, Wolverhampton Wanderers 1; Queens Park Rangers 1, Ipswich Town 0; Stoke City 3, Sheffield United 2; Tottenham Hotspur 2, Burnley 3; West Ham United 2, Derby County 2.

English Division Three:

Aldershot 2, Port Vale 1; Blackburn Rovers 1, Bournemouth 0; Brighton and Hove Albion 3, Wrexham 3; Charlton Athletic 3; Peterborough United 0; Colchester United 4, Gillingham 2; Crystal Palace 1, Chesterfield 4; Grimsby Town 1, Huddersfield Town 2; Hereford United 2, Preston North End 2; Plymouth Argyle 2, Walsall 1; Swindon Town 2, Southend United 0; Watford 2, Bury 1.

English Division Four:

Barnsley 0, Workington 1; Chester 1, Scunthorpe United 0; Doncaster Rovers 2, Brentford 1; Lincoln City 2, Bradford City 1; Mansfield Town 4, Darlington 2; Newport County 1, Exeter City 2; Rotherham United 1, Northampton Town 3; Shrewsbury Town 0, Hartlepool 1; Swansea City 2, Crewe Alexandra 1.

Scottish Division One:

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Dundee United 1; Arbroath 1, Motherwell 1; Ayr United 5, Partick Thistle 2; Clyde 2, Dunfermline Athletic 2; Dumbarton 1, Celtic 3; Dundee 0, Hibernian 0; Hearts 1, Aberdeen 4; Rangers 2, Morton 0; St. Johnstone 2, Kilmarnock 2.

Irish Ulster Cup:

Ards 0, Glentoran 1; Ballymena United 3, Glenavon 1; Cliftonville 0, Bangor 1; Coleraine 2, Linfield 4; Distillery 1, Larne 1; Portadown 1, Crusaders 1.

scene at Wembley. Sir Stanley Matthews (to be) had earned his place in the annals of the world's most popular game.

IN HOROSCOPIA

Bobby Parker of Coventry City, is a Scorpionian, born between October 24 and November 23. He is like the Arian who is also ruled by Mars and this gives them many traits in common. Energy and a liking for leadership are two of them. They are usually very strong and can go for long periods with the minimum of sleep and sustenance.

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Scotlands Stars of the World Cup would not be complete without Pat Stanton of Hibernians. Scottish football has few more skilful players than the Hibs skipper. His consistent club performances have earned him respect among players and admirers on the terraces. It has also brought him honours such as Scotland's "Player of the year" award in 1970 and leading Hibs to successes in the League Cup and Drybrough Cup finals against Celtic.

Yet he has never really played with the same authority in internationals as he does with Hibs. Nevertheless he is still a player of considerable class as Willie Ormond boss of Scotland, appreciates. "Stanton is perhaps unfortunate that Scotland has a lot of fine midfield players. However he is certainly a player who must always be under consideration for our international squad" says the Scotland manager.

Stanton's own boss, Hibs manager Eddie Turnbull, has used his skipper in the back four and midfield. "It is in his midfield role that Pat looks at his best and most natural. There is no more a dangerous player", says the Hibs manager. Stylish Stanton, as he is known to Hibs supporters, loves to be involved in the action as much as possible. Particularly when Hibs move into attack. "All midfield men should be potential scorers", says Ormond "and Pat's goal sense is the key feature of his game. An accurate passer and playmaker, Stanton is sometimes criticised for his lack of bite in the tackle. However his timing and reading of situations more than atone for any possible shortcomings there.

Determination is a vital asset in the character of

Pat Stanton, the key man in Hibs revival last season, and the sound position so far this season.

NO POINTS FOR NO SCORE DRAWS

This has been suggested by F.A. Secretary Denis Follows, as a means of bringing the fans back to the terraces. Naturally this statement brought forth a storm of protest from the top managers. The Secretary's concern is for falling attendances, and stresses that something must be done to bring back the missing millions.

He points out: "I can envisage a considerable increase in attacking football and in goalscoring, particularly by an away team, if it enters a match knowing full well that if it does not score it will not get a point".

Joe Harvey, Newcastle United manager, is enthusiastic about the idea. "It has a lot to commend it," he says. "And I welcome anything that makes for attractive football."

Norwich boss Ron Saunders is strongly opposed to the plan. "This will do nothing to bring back the missing fans," he says.

Sam Longson, Derby County chairman, commented: "You often see exciting goal-less draws. This idea doesn't seem to take games like these into account."

How about giving us your thoughts on this subject?

If I may voice an opinion, I think that if it is fair for the pools firms to allow 2 points for a no score draw, and 3 points for a score draw, then there is some merit in Mr. Follows' suggestion of creating two values on the two results.

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LAST WEEKEND IN THE U.K.

It's quite a list, and indicates further that the previous tough attitude of U.K. referees was necessary, but appar-

ently went unheeded by the following players; Asa Hartford-Manchester City, Steve Kember-Chelsea, Terry Beale-Spurs, L. Badger-Sheffield United, J. Gidman-Aston Villa, and Paul Bennett of Southampton all went for early showers. This list is only some of them, and they will all have cause to remember the 5th of October. Mike Summerbee of Manchester City and J. Dempsey of Chelsea were booked also.

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The captain of Partick Thistle Ronnie Glavin, should be stored in the Bank of England, with all the talk that's going on about his value. It's guineas to gooseberries that he will head South,

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The most unpopular man in Edinburgh is Bobby Keith, Hearts manager, who is having a hard row to hoe. Last Saturday against Aberdeen, the play was evenly divided but the goals went to Hearts 1 Aberdeen 4. The only way out of their troubles would be to discover another Dave Mackay in his prime.

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ENGLISH SOCCER

By STEPHEN LUBOFSKY

The soccer season is progressing in England with surprises coming out of each game. Since my last article, the English scene has changed considerably, except in Division 4. In Scotland the race for the coveted championship trophy is wide open with 3 main teams battling it out.

West Ham go wild as Celtic bow out of Europe

In the English Division 1 the ladder has been completely re-shuffled. Ipswich Town are still the leaders with 16 points, but, unfortunately, lost last week to Newcastle United, a Pat Howard goal sinking the East Anglians. Despite this defeat they are still 2 points ahead of nearest rival, Manchester City, who have moved up into the number two spot. Manchester City, who recently lost striker Francis Lee to Derby County, beat lowly Queens Park Rangers 1-0. On City's tail is Liverpool, who were also beaten last weekend and lost their unbeaten home record. They lost to Sheffield United, who are doing very well, with a goal being scored by Alan Woodward in the 81st minute.

Equal on points but behind on goal-average are Liverpool's fellow Merseysiders, Everton. Everton have many skilful players, such as John Connelly, Rod Belfitt and last season's signing from Birmingham City, Bob Latchford.

In fifth position are Sheffield United, who have started the season remarkably well. They possess England striker Tony Currie and other players of good calibre and deserve to be in their high position.

Last season's losing F.A. Cup finalists, Newcastle United, are in 6th position.

Newcastle are a very famous team who practically made the F.A. Cup their own private property in the 1950's. With players such as Malcolm "Supermac" MacDonald, John Tudor, Terry "Talking Feet" Hibbit, Ian McFaul, they should be where they are. Next in line are Middlesbrough, managed by Jackie Charlton and lead by inspiring captain, Stewart Boam. They seem to have inherited Burnley's promotion success of last season by placing themselves high in the ratings.

Derby County are 8th on the ladder and should be higher. They are one of the most skilful teams in the world with players David Nish, Colin Todd, Kevin Hector and Roy McFarland, all of whom are in the English team, to prove my point.

Stoke City have slipped a bit since my last article, but should find their best form and go right up as the season progresses.

Last season's League Cup winners, Wolverhampton Wanderers, are positioned 10th. A team who also

possess tons of skill and players like John Richards, Mike Bailey and Derek Dougan, should live up to their great expectations. Another team promoted last term, Carlisle, are placed 11th and playing consistently.

Surely the greatest shock of the season is West Ham's revival! Only two weeks ago they were bottom of the table, but since then they have slammed on 20 goals in 5 matches. They are playing tremendous soccer, but this is not altogether surprising, as they have a lot of skill.

With new signing, Keith Robson, from Aston Villa, they should end the season on a very high note. By the way, last weekend they blasted Burnley 5-3. Burnley, Birmingham City and Coventry City have also picked up their form, especially the latter two teams. These 3 teams possess a lot of ability and have too many star players to be playing badly.

Position 16th is Leicester City, a team who deserved to win a major trophy last season with their attacking football, but who, so far, are not playing to the same standard.

With famous goal-keeper Peter Shilton (on the transfer list), Frank Worthington, Alan Birchall and Keith Weller, all of whom are playing or have played for England, things should be going far better than they are.

Newly promoted Luton Town are playing better at 5th bottom and have lifted themselves out of the relegation zone.

Leeds United still haven't lived up to last season's brilliant form and are playing miserably.

What can be said about Arsenal, Spurs, and Q.P.R.? Arsenal, who lost manager Bertie Mee, Spurs, who lost manager Bill Nicholson, and Q.P.R., whose manager, Gordon Jago quit last Friday, are all in the doldrums and in danger of relegation. These 3 teams have players of world-class ability and to see them playing in Division 2 next season would be a tragedy for English football.

In Division 2 Manchester United still head the table, but lost their unbeaten record to Norwich City last week. Norwich won 2-0, with goals being scored by ex-United star, Ted McDougall.

Norwich are still 3 points behind, but playing well. These two teams should find themselves back in Division 1 next season.

Placed 4th are Sunderland who seem to be

finding their best form. Sunderland have many top players, such as Jim Montgomery, Dave Watson, Billy Kerr and Billy Hughes and should be in Division 1, where they rightfully belong.

Southampton, who I mentioned last week, have moved up slightly, but are still situated at the wrong end of the table.

In Division 3, the two teams on which most focus seems to be placed, Preston North End and Crystal Palace, are in 1st and 3rd places respectively.

Preston, with the help of Manager Bobby Charlton, have started off what seems to be their revival, and Crystal Palace, after a poor start, seem to be finding their true form.

A very interesting season seems to be brewing in Scotland, where there is a keen race for the championship trophy. The Big Three, Rangers, Celtic and Hibernian lead Division 1.

Rangers have long been on the verge of taking over Celtic's reign and this could be their season. They are a tremendously professional side with many star players such as Tommy Forsyth, Alfie Conn, John Greig, Derek Johnstone, Derek Parlane and Sandy Jardine, who is at present in the Scottish team. Managed by Jock Wallace, they are one point ahead of famous Glasgow rival, Celtic.

What more can be said of Scotland's most famous club? They have dominated Scottish soccer for the past decade, winning the championship trophy 9 times in succession, together with countless other League and F.A. trophies. With players such as Billy McNeill, who has made over 800 appearances for Celtic, the famous Jimmy Johnstone, Kenny Dalglish, Dixie Deans, Bobby Lennox and George Connolly, Celtic's future seems to be in safe hands. In 3rd. place are Hibernian (Hibs.) A club which has tremendous potential, it has nevertheless not been able to break through Celtic's domination of Scottish soccer. They possess many fine internationals, such as captain Pat Stanton, Alex Cropley, Alan Gordon, Tony Higgins and Joe Royce, I feel sure that the famous Edinburgh club are about due for a major honour.

Scotland seems to have a complex that their soccer is not as good as the English, but if I was a Scot I wouldn't complain. Scotland qualified and did tremendously well in the World Cup, although they didn't reach Round 2, so that is one step ahead of England. I think Scottish soccer has a tremendous future.

I would like to turn away from England and concentrate on the European competitions. The major competition is the European Cup. The teams that qualify for this are the different countries League champions. The English participant, Leeds United, won their first match against F.C. Zurich 5-3 on aggregate.

There is only one team in English soccer history to win this most famous trophy, and that was the famous Manchester United side which beat Benfica 4-1 back in 1968. The other English participant, Ipswich Town, lost on the away goals rule to Dutch club Enschede. This year's biggest shock was the elimination of Celtic by Greek Club Olympiakos Piraeus 3-1 on aggregate. This is the first time ever that Celtic have been knocked out of the competition in the first round. In 1987 they won the European Cup and they have figured in the competition since 1964.

In the U.E.F.A. Cup, for which the League Cup winners qualify, Wolves were defeated on the away goals rule by F.C. Porto of Portugal — a very disappointing result from the team who wanted to make their mark in Europe. Hibernian had a stunning win against Rosenborg B.K. of Norway. The score, by the way, was an aggregate of 12-3.

Stoke City, who I talked about last week as a team with a great future, were also knocked out on the away goals rule by the famous Ajax Amsterdam, who have won the European Cup three times, but never this

competition. They would be the most famous team of the seventies with players Johan Neeskens, Ruud Trol, Barry Hulshoff, Gerrie Muren, Johnny Repp and the famous Johan Cryff, who now plays for Barcelona of Spain.

The other English team to compete in this competition are Derby County, who defeated Servette Geneva 6-2 on aggregate. Derby always do well in the European competitions, but have failed to win one as yet. In the European Cup Winners Cup, the only British team to play was Dundee United, who were last season's losing

Scottish F.A. Cup finalists. They downed Jiul Petrosani of Rumania 3-2 on aggregate.

That is the European scene up to date. Next week I shall discuss England's and Scotland's chances in the Nations Cup and teams I would field.

waterpipe fence round one side and an end, laid out a car park and 800 feet of gravel road, all of which has been marked off by large volcanic rocks.

The club house is a modest fibro cement affair containing two change rooms, showers, 60 x 20 foot club house and they have a canteen with a consumer licence.

This year the members have built a modern toilet block, a store room and next to the club house are four bowling lanes for European Bowls.

ORGANISED EFFORT Everything built on the ground has been organised team effort. Present plans include the putting in of four tennis courts and the building of a fine new club house on modern lines, with every facility.

To this end, clubhouses in European Soccer are being studied, so that Bell Park will have the best possible in the years to come.

Five years since the club became an incorporated company and is the only one in the Metropolitan League.

President Mike Parks, besides being a bank manager in Geelong, is also a councillor on the Corio City Council.

He told Soccer Week that the council is very impressed with the way Bell Park Sports Club has got down to the business of helping itself, instead of expecting council to do everything for it.

CLUB PRESIDENTS Father Patrick O'Gorman, first club president, was an Aussie Rules man, but accepted the position because he liked the line taken by the club Mr. Guido Para, an Italian in his mid forties, became president for seasons 1962-63.

Next president was a remarkable man, Bill Stozel, a German American, who came to Victoria with the U2 and B52 aircraft, as a pilot. The club had a very successful period of development under his 1964-65 presidency.

A completely different type of gentleman took over for the next three years. Mr. Stan Yates was a trustee of Norlane Church of England, president of the Good Neighbour Council and a politician. A man of infinite wisdom and full of human compassion, he left a lasting impression on the club.

Five years ago, the committee made a very wise and profitable move, when they purchased ten acres of land in Corio. It is worth many times its cost price, today.

The club has a long term plan for its development and most of the work done, is done by members who number carpenters, bricklayers and other artisans in their midst.

So far they have planted a thousand trees, drained and re-seeded the main pitch (they have two), erected floodlights at a cost of \$2,500, put a

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BELL PARK SOCCER CLUB STORY

Non ethnic, non political, non religious. On this basis the Bell Park Sports Club was formed in 1959.

In those days, Geelong Soccer Club, basically Italian in origin and constitution, was the front runner in soccer in the Geelong area. Frank Vanjek and Gino Tromba decided to form a Soccer club that would accept players regardless of race, creed, or political persuasion. A prospective team was formed and potential players were also invited on to the committee.

President Mike Parks, always interested in sport and the welfare of young people, was invited to join the club. Because, at that time, he had a shop and was unable to play, he joined the Sports Club committee. The club had a very modest beginning because of its non ethnic nature. Sheer effort and hard work built it up.

From 1964 to 1971, Bell Park played in the Ballarat, Geelong and District Soccer competition, with the following remarkable record. 1964, undefeated champions. 1965, undefeated champions. 1966, runners up. 1967, runners up. 1968, runners up. 1969, undefeated champions. 1970, finished in third position. 1971, champions.

Then they came back to Metropolitan circles. 1972, runners up in the Provisional League. 1973, finished in fifth position in Division Four of the Metropolitan.

1974, runners up in Fourth Division. Whilst in the country league, they won the Ted Jones trophy three years in succession and also the Star Cup, three years running, in fact there are clubs in B. G. and Dist. who have never beaten Bell Park.

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HISTORY OF SUCCESS THE CLUB has a fantastic record of success since it first engaged in competitive Soccer, in 1961.

After an initial year of unofficial friendly games, Bell Park entered Metropolitan Soccer and only twice has failed to be premiers or runners up.

Runners up in Division Four in 1961.

Runners up in Division Three in 1962.

Runners up in Division Two in 1963.

Unfortunately, that was the year the vsl made a

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GREAT FUTURE

Bell Park is a club building on sound foundations, with an eye to the future.

It already has tradition and in the years to come, promises to become one of the finest sporting clubs in this State.

Their doors are open to all interested in the sporting life of young people in the area, regardless of race or creed and on this basis, success is assured and certainly deserves to be.

This fine club is a blue print for people everywhere and other such clubs could only be for the ultimate good of Victoria, and indeed Australia, in the field of community living.

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CATS CORNER (INSIDE THE GAME)

MIKE O'HARA, Slavia's No. 1 goalkeeper delivers this weekly report.



THE VICTORIAN SIDE

The Victorian Soccer side to play the Polish touring team in January 1975 is going to be ill prepared in that competitive match practice between clubs has concluded. Only players concerned with the top four competition will be able to benefit.

It is hoped by Victorian fans that Mr Boggi will ascertain players' ability by continuous training in game situations where a true analysis can be made.

The Victorian team will be goalkeeper Jimmy Milisalevic (J.U.S.T.), back three, Jim Tansey (Pahran Slavia), Steve Walker (Hellas), Pye (Wilhelmina), middle three, Frank Miele (J.U.S.T.), Stephen McCombe (Pahran Slavia), John Howie (Pahran Slavia), front four (not necessarily in left or right flank formation), Branco Buljevic (J.U.S.T.), Frank Donachie (Alexander), Jim Armstrong (Hellas), Peter Bourne (Hellas). Peter Bourne's role of course would be a fetch and carry one, linking the middle three with the front three. Reserves will be: Lou Kastner (George Cross), Alistair Scott (Melbourne) and Ian Marshall (Hellas).

That is a winning formula but Mr Boggi probably will not gamble an open aggressive football which will create fast open play. The Victorian aim is to "save face", thereby not giving the crowd what they want, namely entertainment.

The game in Victoria has seen a "million faces" from overseas come and go but how many truly local stars have been produced? Clubs continue to import players due to the fact that here in Melbourne people are obsessed with that "animalistic aerial ping pong" called Australian Rules.

There is no doubt that in order to further the international game of football we must think of

progressive steps to make the game a better spectator sport. Sponsorship from big companies is the only answer and this coupled with full time professional players and regular interstate annual fixtures is just a token effort in order to stimulate the game.

While on the subject of annual fixtures soccer is the only major game that does not have a regular 'Round Robin' series, whereby each State plays another thus determining a champion state. These matches would do great things for the game in all states not to mention the added interest between players and youngsters coming into the game. Another breakdown in interstate relations is obvious from the fact that there is no such series.

The "topsy turvy" recruitment of various foreign club sides has little interest for the majority. Such is the organisation of the governing body who call itself the Australian Soccer Federation. They exist in name only and like the North American Bear, sleep for 10 months of the year. They should be organising interstate championships and regular fixtures instead of decking all of their officials out in wondrous green blazers and fancy badges just to show they do exist!

It is a situation fact that in Australia there are players who if given the right amount of time to develop their skills could rank with the world's best! It's a case of easing the sword excalibur from the stone, no one has got the brains (technical know-how) or the inclination to set about the

task. The game here is just rolling along with no particular place to go. The newly appointed Englishman who has come here preaching his obvious intellectual knowledge has not been seen in many Victorian schools. A director of Soccer must know the kids first but it seems even he has gone for his siesta in the sun!

Michael Benes, the 25 year old former Pahrhan Slavia keeper who had to retire from the game due to a spinal injury in 1972, is fit and well. He is very keen to do things for any club who require his services. Mike's playing history makes interesting reading. After playing with Sparta Prague Juniors, Mike was conscripted into the Czechoslovakian armed forces, after demobilization he played with Dukla Kolin. Soon after he escaped, driving an old jeep through a wire fence at 90 m.p.h. with bullets ripping past his ears!!

After a convalescence in Germany with his former friends he emigrated to Australia. Mike signed for Pahrhan Slavia in late 1968 and retired in 1972 due to his spinal injury. Benes played 30 first team games for the club and was a regular first team squad player before his unfortunate injury.

GREAT news for the Scottish born player Alan Copeland. Mr Vincent French, the Slavia Secretary, has stated officially that "He can sign with any club he wishes subject to normal transfer arrangements of course." So Alan it's back to the game in 1975. Good luck to you lad!

The power of the press is second to none as last week Alan Copeland, the former champion Slavia fullback was out of the game for life! Slavia only wish him well or so I am informed. I accept this view and it is up to Alan Copeland to negotiate between clubs.

O'HARA for Hellas," everyone in the Greek Community is saying! It seems that everyone in Melbourne knows that I will be in Marko Fode's jersey in 1975. The strange fact is no-one has told me a thing! It's no secret that I have contacted and spoken to Mr Sam Papasavas the Hellas Chief but at this point of time have nothing concrete to back up all my Greek friends' comments.

I SEE Mooroolbark United emerging as the "power house" team of 1975. They have a fine defence, fighting for possession as number one keeper.

Lou Ivanoff is an international class keeper on his day but he puts so much time and energy into his garage business that he is not "on his toes" on match days. A great shame!

Two top class strikers would make Mooroolbark United first class

material for the 1975 championship. It's a great pity that Brian Edgeley the "Barkers" player coach has not had the full playing staff behind him because his knowledge and leadership are very valuable assets. Not being "in the know" at Mooroolbark it is hard to pinpoint who is at fault! But the statistics show that Mooroolbark finished 11th of 12. Not a happy position considering the club had one of the best defensive records in the League.

I AM very happy in noting that Pahrhan Slavia had the least goals scored against them this season (21). It is pleasing to know that I played in 17 of the games, Lou Ivanoff 3, and new boy Billy "Legs" Whiteside 2.

Billy, incidentally, is married with two young children, he is hoping that a speedy passage will be allowed by the Australian Immigration officials in England so that the family will be together again. His wife and kiddies are in Scotland at the time of writing. Billy has gained his nickname "legs", because they are the "whitest of white".

Take heart Bill, Summer is nearly here and the vitamin D will turn them a lovely golden brown! While in jocular mood it was my luck to go to a party last week with two teammates to find we were the only guys amongst the twenty seven Phillipine girls who in-

vited us for their annual get together. Needless to say we didn't train on the Monday . . . or the Tuesday . . . or the Wednesday . . .!!

A PLEASANT sight at the last game of the season when Pahrhan Slavia played Melbourne was Slavia manager Kazi Kowaleck's daughter and her best friend who is Gary Coles' (Wilhelmina striker) sister. Both girls attend Burwood High School and have become regular Slavia fans.

A FINAL word about Johnny Sanchez the current Slavia coach. Johnny has done a wonderful job this year and I personally rate him the best coach in Victoria, if given a free hand! It must have been greatly disappointing for him to have missed out on a top four place. Some consolation, however, for John's cigarette bill will now ease considerably.

Rumour has it that the Slavia committee are buying John an automatic robot which will light up and hand to John during the game the sixty or so cigarettes he consumes. If I sit on the bench next season, I will import a smog guard face mask to lesson the smoke intake. FOOTNOTE: Any club wishing to negotiate for either Alan Copeland or Michael Benes can phone 44-7479.

THE CAMBELLS ARE COMING!!

If Channel Nine really wants soccer to be a success listen to me. Next season don't televise the match live. Instead cover two matches on the Saturday, pick the highlights of each and replay them either Saturday night or Sunday morning.

This way you won't have to sit through the drab moments of the match, and it won't affect the attendance to the extent it does now. It would also give the players who play on a Saturday a chance to watch the matches. I would also like to see the coaches and managers interviewed to let the supporters know what's being done to improve the teams etc.

As we have awards for the best player of the year and top goal scorer etc. I cannot understand why not have an award for the top referee of the season. Surely it would be quite easy to create a point's system for this and it would certainly not do the game any harm.

There was an article in last week's edition criticising Pahrhan Slavia officials for their handling of Alan Copeland, former fullback. I would just like you readers to know Alan had the same chance any other player had of returning to the first team squad but wanted to be guaranteed a first team place which of course no one can be guaranteed this.

I'm sure if Alan changed his ideas, he would be more than welcome to return to the club for next season.

Also, to expect the Slavia officials to let a player of Alan's ability to go to another club for nothing is I think, expecting too much.

There is talk of Marshal McCallum, Slavia, joining Melbourne next season. If Ashy Scott

misses this deal it would be a big mistake.

It will be interesting to see what Steve Walker and his buddies would do against a team with at least three good forwards. Speaking as a State League defender, I can tell you the only team with this privilege is HELLAS.

UNFAIR ADVANTAGE The Pahrhan Slavia vs. George Cross reserve match was a game with a difference. One of the corner flags was a floor mop and the unfair advantage was the Slavia players at first glance thought it was George Train and were passing to it.

But they still won. See you next week.

ACTION SHOTS

BELL PARK SOCCER CLUB



ABOVE: Bell Park Soccer Club Life Members. Left, Founder member Frank Vanjek and right, President Mike Parks.



ABOVE: Bell Parks promotion winning players. Back row, l-r: Malcolm Gribben, Franz Horcher, Bob Love, Cecil Earley (captain/coach), Danny Ortiz, Jamie Munoz, and Steven Earley. Front row, l-r: Joe Parks, Ron Brown, Lazar Milanovic, Riste Talef and David King.



ABOVE: Star player Joe Parks (with Accordion), leads his band during the Bell Park promotion celebrations, at the Corio City Hall.



ABOVE: Bell Park Players and Officials at the 1974 Presentation Dinner.

Frankston City Soccer Club COACH

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THE BAILY 2 WITH LEN STONE

FROM EUROPE

Not many clubs in Europe are anxious to play against Manchester United anymore. Once upon a time, the United were the most wanted club in Europe, but with some of their fans so badly behaved, it is felt by inviting the famous British club they are in viting trouble, with the local supporters staying away, as indeed is starting to be the case in England.

Only a few days ago, six Manchester United fans accused of violence and severe damage to property in Ostende were freed by a somewhat lenient court in Bruges.

The six hooligans, four from Manchester and two from London, were sentenced to four months in jail for their foolish behaviour.

However, Judge Arthur Claert said that these sick minds had already spent a number of weeks in custody and the fact that such people are not welcome in his country, he suspended the remainder of time in custody.

He ordered them to pay \$700 restitution between them for the amount of damage done in the beautiful seaside town. But no formal arrangements were made for payment and therefore it is most unlikely that this compensation will be paid unless any of the six United supporters, so called, set foot in Belgium again.

Bayern Munich's famous spearhead Muller hit the post twice and Beckenbauer was unlucky with one particularly fine individual effort.

I watched a Friday night game between Kickers Offenbach and Wuppertaler SV which the Kickers won 3-1 in the modernised stadium Offenbach before 20,000 spectators — a great

The star of the game was former German international Sigi Held, an orthodox left winger who also scored the all important second goal just when the Wuppertaler looked like getting into the game. Offenbach were very impressed with Socceroo Manfred Schaefer when they saw him in the World Cup.

Because of Schaefer's age and the fact that they knew he was not interested in a contract, Kickers refrained from making him an offer.

On top of the ladder in Germany are Hamburg, the club which was keen to sign Socceroo Adrian Alston who eventually decided that he would be better off playing in Luton.

Moneywise Alston would have earned more with the German club but he probably felt that not speaking German, living and playing professional soccer in England would be less of a strain on him.

Hertha Berlin are another club which wanted Alston and another Socceroo in whom they later lost interest when terms were discussed, drew 1-1 at home with F.C. Cologne who are having one of their worst seasons for many years.

Both sides have spent a lot of money in the close season in an effort to strengthen their line-up. Hertha Berlin, which has a big following — they had 46,672 spectators for this match — are in eighth position while F.C. Cologne are third last, very much an unac-

customed position for them.

Eintracht Frankfurt, who fancied Socceroo Wilson are in second place after their 3-1 away win at MSV Duisburg before 18,000 spectators.

World Cup Star Grabowski of Eintracht had his name taken in what the German Press described an unusually hard decision. He is a gentleman player and usually manages to avoid trouble.

There were two international matches over the weekend and both although considered friendly matches with nothing at stake except national honour drew big crowds.

Yugoslavia defeated Italy 1-0 in front of 70,600 in Zagreb 1-0. Italy's goalkeeper Dino Zoff was the best man on the ground but Yugoslavia's outside left Surjak the goal-getter and Oblak were the favourites of the Zagreb capacity crowd.

In Vienna, Austria recorded their first win over Hungary in the last ten years thanks to an 18th minute goal from Rapid spearhead Franz Krankl.

In charge of Hungary was new team boss Jozsef Boszitz who himself played more than 100 games for his country.

It was the 117th time the two arch rivals met and this constitutes a record as far as international meetings between two European countries are concerned.

Fashionable Ajax are clear leaders in the Dutch First Division but made hard work of defeating FC Twente 1-0 but their great rivals Feyenoord had a convincing away victory, 3-0 at Haarlem. Einthoven are having a particularly good season. They are in second place after a fine 3-1 win away against Excelsior.

As is usually the case in Belgium, Anderlecht are on top of the ladder. They went on a goal-spree thrashing Montignies 5-0 on their ground. Winterslag is in last position after their humiliating 7-0 defeat by FC Brugge who are in fourth place.

The Amateur international in Bursa between Turkey and West Germany ended in a 1-1 draw. It was a tough match and the 10,000 spectators, solidly behind the Turkish team got their money's worth. It was an encounter that Germany was expected to win but it is never easy for German teams to win in Turkey according to the brothers Heinz and Ernst Traser, the fullbacks who normally play for FC Saarbrücken. They were the best in the German side together with Werner Schneider of FC Duisburg. The Turks were practically the country's "B" National team.

Borsa opened the score for Turkey after only three minutes and Krause equalised in the 38th minute.

Italian soccer followers remember the great games that Helmut Haller played for AC Turin. When he transferred back to West Germany, FC Augsburg dug deep in their pockets to obtain the clever veteran's services.

It was a move well worthwhile — the crowds in Augsburg after the club's years in the wilderness average 25,000 in the Second Division and their 2-1 win over Darmstadt 98 was largely due to his experience.

At present they are in fourth place but many experts already make them favourites for promotion after yet another bad start by big guns FC Nurnberg and Munich 1860 who engaged Austrian super trainer Max Merkl. He is one of the highest paid trainers in Germany but in some circles there are already severe criticisms directed against him.

1860 Munich bought a number of players from other clubs at great expense but so far with little to show. However, there is still time to recover but for both these famous sides, it is now very difficult to reach the top. But both sides together with Augsburg have the biggest following in the twenty teams Division Two South.

Borussia Dortmund in Fifth position in the Second Division North had more than 100,000 spectators in their four home matches so far this season and the locals are happy with their young side which is playing attractive soccer.

ACTION SHOTS

FEDERATION CUP SEMI FINAL
at Kim Reserve, Altona, Sat, 5th October 1974
FRANKSTON CITY 1 — PARK RANGERS 0



Players of Frankston City (light shirts) and Park Rangers Defenders (dark shirts) land in the net following a corner kick, but where is the ball?



ABOVE: Park Rangers Mercurial inside forwards Roy Slater evades a tackle by Frankston's Norrie Campbell.

RIGHT: Park Rangers full back Ken Mitchell (16) and Midfielder Billy Wylie (16) crash on top of the ball with Frankston's Wilf Chadwick.



Park Rangers mid fielder Billy Wylie jumps to head the ball over Frankston's Peter Avent during Saturday's Second Federation Cup Semi-Final.

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Promoted by the Frankston Festival Committee in conjunction with Frankston City Promotions, a six-a-side competition will be held at Frankston Park Footy Oval on Saturday, October 19, 1974, to start at 10 a.m.

Sixteen teams will be seeded into four groups of four, as in the World Cup. Two pitches will be in operation.

There will also be a ladies' match and juniors from Karingal, Peninsula, Seaford and Overport will also have a knock out competition.

The senior teams involved are South Melbourne Hellas, Melbourne, Ringwood City, George Cross and Mooroolbark from State League, together with Frankston City, Frankston Pines, Langwarrin, Rosebud, Mornington, Chelsea, Dandenong City, Doveton, Preston, Brighton and Albion Rovers.

First prize is \$500 and official referees will control the games.

Guest of honour will be John Warren, manager of St. George-Budapest S.C. in Sydney and former captain of Australia.

Australia's World Cup manager John Barclay and a number of

prominent TV personalities will also be there.

No doubt thousands of youngsters with autograph books will keep them busy.

Entrance fee for adults is \$1 and all proceeds are in aid of the Frankston Festival Fund. A great day is in store for the large crowd expected.

DINNER DANCE

Ferntree Gully S.C. is holding a dinner dance at Hunters Lodge on Thursday October 17, 1974. Guests will be players who have lifted the club in First Division.

All are welcome, the charge is \$7.50 a head and a great night is certain.

Anyone wishing to be present on that evening should contact Mr Bill Wannet on 870-8877 or 870-8955 during business hours or on 870-0115 in the evening.

Mr. Pltch, secretary, may also be contacted at night on 758-2987.

Frankston City scored the only goal of the second semi-final during a moment of panic in Park Rangers defence, to enter the Federation Cup Final for the first time.

It was poor reward for the Third Division side who fought with skill and determination.

In the first semi-final, Albion Rovers also won by an only goal, but it should have been much more convincing.

John Pryde failed with a penalty kick and other chances went begging.

Preston never overcame Albion's skilful off-side trap and failed to produce the form which made them one of Metro First Division's outstanding teams for season 1974.

GOOD PITCH

Altona City S.C. deserve the highest praise for their staging of the semi-finals.

During the week, vandals broke into their clubhouse, did damage and stole property.

Added to this, more than an inch of rain fell on the ground on Friday night.

Sammy Wilson and his colleagues worked from early on Saturday morning to mop up the pitch and get everything shipshape for the semi-finals.

The ground was in remarkably good shape, even after two games were played on it.

THE FINAL

On Saturday Albion Rovers and Frankston City will meet at Middle Park Stadium in the final.

There is little to choose between them and a lucky break could swing it either way.

If I have to pick a winner, I go for Albion because I feel they have a more compact defence than the baysiders and could produce enough in attack to score a winner but it will be well worth seeing.

ALBION ROVERS 1 PRESTON 0

In the early stages both clubs were feeling one another out and there was little to choose between them.

Hugh Donnelly and Billy Doggett worked hard to subdue the lively Billy McIntyre and ever dangerous goal poacher Ian Reid.

Preston forwards frequently got tangled up in Albion's off-side trap. When they did get through they found goalkeeper Derek Harnwell in superb form.

At the other end, Jim Daperis had a great tussle with experienced Neil Morson.

Jim McCracken, although full of flu played an outstanding role in mid-field and defence. John Pryde and Stan Foster were generally subdued by McCracken and Steve Trajkovski and Jim Green was sound in goal.

Billy Rae upset the left defensive flank with some fine approach work and the all important goal came after he broke through, in the 22nd minute and hit the cross-bar.

Stan Foster had the easiest of tasks to head the ball back into the net, to put Albion ahead. Two minutes later Billy Rae was through again, but was brought down in the area.

John Pryde's penalty kick was hard, but too close to the keeper — and Green made a fine save as he beat the ball down and cleared it.

Shortly after, Tom Clark had a glorious opportunity of increasing the lead, but his misdirected header flew harmlessly outside.

Preston staged a great effort in the second half but Albion's defence was equal to all calls and never seemed likely to fall.

McIntyre, Reid, Grannon and Fox all made tremendous efforts to break through, but time ran out for the cup holders and Albion deservedly moved into the final.

FRANKSTON CITY 1 PARK RANGERS 0

Spectators were amazed at the quality of soccer produced by Third Division side Park

Rangers in their semi-final tie with First Division side Frankston City.

The brilliance of inside forward Roy Slater and his clever combination with dangerous winger Eddie Cassidy were highlights of the game.

Chris Payne, in Rangers goal was the equal of Frankston's star keeper Billy Papoutsakis. Both keepers rescued their sides on a number of occasions when under pressure.

Payne had no chance with the goal which Peter

Avent crashed in after 25 minutes play.

Following a Graham Clamp corner, Dave Johnstone hit the post with a cross shot and the ball went out to Avent.

Rangers' defence panicked momentarily and the big Frankston spearhead picked his spot. Ten minutes later, Sam Murray ripped in a snorter which bounced off keeper Payne's chest and he recovered quickly to spoon the ball off the line, one handed. Just before the interval Cassidy whipped in a low 20 yards

top spinner which nearly caught Papoutsakis napping.

Park Rangers turned it on in the second half and a great effort by Slater, in which he beat three men "on a sixpence", flashed narrowly over the bar. At the 70 minute mark, Rangers should have drawn level.

Papoutsakis ran out to collect the ball, but dropped it at the feet of Billie Ashton. The Park Rangers centre forward was so surprised that his shot for the empty net hit the side netting. It was a

bad miss. When Keith Grainger came on as substitute, he broke through on the right and hit the post as Payne came out to narrow the angle. Robin Knot, a great defender, Richard Parry and Ryko Bjelica managed to contain the Rangers' attack and Frankston will meet Albion in the final. Roy Slater of Park Rangers was clearly man of the match.

SOCCER POOLS ARE HERE!

WOMEN'S SOCCER FIRST ANNUAL PRESENTATION

Nearly 200 guests attended the Victorian Women's Soccer Association first annual Presentation Night held at St Kilda, last Saturday night.

Mrs Jacqui Ager did a fantastic job of

organisation for the evening and various notable figures presented the trophies.

Mr George Wallace, secretary of the V.S.F., gave the Federation's blessing to women's soccer by attending and presenting the League winner's trophy to Melton and the runners-up to Greensborough.

Ex State League referee Bert de Lange, a great worker for Soccer in junior and industrial circles, presented the cup winner's trophy to Green Gully.

The Victorian Ladies' team which put up such a fine performance in Sydney was also present.

Their coach, Ray Langdale of Albion

Rovers, was also in attendance, with his wife (for protection?). Secretary Mrs. Ager is also treasurer of the Australian Women's Soccer Association.

It was a great night, the beginning of even bigger and better things to come.



Ex State League Referee Bert de Lange presents the Cup Winners Trophy to Green Gully Captain Hazel Donovan.



V.S.F. Secretary George Wallace presents the 1974 Championship Trophy to Melton Captain Jeanette Melvin with the V.W.S.A. Secretary Jacqui Ager adding her congratulations. Jacqui is also Treasurer of the Australian Womens Soccer Association.



Jeanette Melvin is going overseas for a holiday. Her colleagues at Melton Ladies Soccer Club presented her with this cake in the form of a Soccer Pitch with all the names of her Team mates.



Mrs Fred Lister makes the presentation for being Best Player in the Cup Final to Bronwyn Phillips of Melton.

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BELOW: HERE we see the two teams that took part in the Competition at Dendy Park Brighton the teams were Karingal and Croydon Junior Soccer Clubs



ABOVE: The proud Captain of the Sunshine Heights Soccer Club Junior team surrounded by his team members hold the Trophy aloft.

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RIGHT: In this shot we see the Captain receiving the Trophy



ABOVE: Here we see the Croydon Captain receiving his Trophy and joyously he hoists it aloft for the crowd to see

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SYDNEY SOCCER SCENE

BY JACK DANIELS AND OSCAR BROWN

Hakoah coach David Maclaren flew off to Britain this week on a holiday come scouting trip.

There is no denying that Maclaren was one of the most disappointed men in Sydney after the Saints had tossed his team for the fourth time of the season.

The blues like their rivals Apia were the teams of the season but once they hit the Sports Ground they ran into troubles and ended up with only one honor apiece whereas they should both have been fighting it out together for the Rothmans Cup.

However, there is no such thing as form in Sydney football and Hakoah and Apia must now go and lick their wounds and come back for more next season.

After his Grand Final defeat Maclaren was outspoken and made an honest down to earth report.

His report dealt mainly with the competition series and was compiled before the Grand Final and Rothmans Cup defeats by St. George.

It read: "Was there ever such a 'Black Monday', following the defeats on the two previous days against St. George and Marconi.

"I had been so confident with the team playing the style of Soccer which, in my opinion, made success inevitable.

"The ball was being pushed around with players running off the ball very effectively.

"Many chances were being created and goals came freely.

"The spirit within the club was extremely high and we were playing with tremendous confidence.

"Then in the game against St. George we struggled to find our rhythm.

"Two breakaway goals in the first half and suddenly there was a tremendous tension in our team.

"We lost that game and the ensuing hangover was carried on to the field against Marconi.

"Although we carried the fight to the opposition for most of the game, suddenly passes started to go astray.

"Skills broke down in players noted for their technical ability.

"We failed to capitalise on a number of scoring chances and found ourselves a goal down at half-time.

"In the second half we became so anxious that instead of playing our football and letting the goals come we started to hit long balls and in the end, although we had a couple of good changes we beat ourselves.

"I found myself facing a problem common to all coaches in the final stages of a league competition, this is tension in the team.

"Desperation to avoid relegation also causes tension.

"The tension of a cricket batsman in the 'nervous nineties' can creep into a team leading the competition and this was my problem.

"I had to develop in my players a relaxed mental approach without complacency creeping in, and yet retaining the necessary drive.

"Training in the last quarter of the season presents more problems which are more psychological than physical. Fitness peaks are relatively easy to maintain and the time spent on all areas of fitness training is somewhat reduced to early season training.

"Tactical considerations are reduced at this time particularly if the team system and methods are showing success.

"By now each player is so well drilled as to his function within the system of play and general tactics.

"It is only a matter of keeping these fresh in the minds of the players.

"Slight variations are made towards greater efficiency and of course consideration must be given to our immediate opponents.

"I am also happy with my reserve strength in case of injuries.

"I have no doubt that many of the players in the Hakoah second grade side would be in the first grade with the majority of clubs in Sydney.

"And despite our defeats I still believe that a number of these reserves will eventually establish themselves in the first team and Hakoah will be the major trophy winner in Australian Soccer in years to come.

"I am also pleased that the club has faith in my ability to achieve success for Hakoah in the future and that we have entered into an agreement for my services for the next three years.

"This would complete a five and a half year period which is indeed rare in my profession.

"Being a realist, a coach can never be popular with all supporters of any club, but regardless of this, I will always devote all my time and energy towards justifying the Hakoah Club's faith in me."

Regardless to say Maclaren was a very sick at heart and disappointed man when his team was again defeated on Sunday by Saints.

But being a thorough professional right down to his toe nails he is as determined as ever to get Hakoah back on the rails next season.

by jack daniels



Hakoah in Sydney are often regarded as the Arsenal of Australian football. However the blues failed to reproduce the form of this famous Arsenal team that won the double — the league and FA Cup in 1970-71. Back row from left — McNab, Kennedy, Wilson, Roberts, Barnett, Simpson, Marinello. Front row from left — Nelson, Storey, Radford, Kelly, McIntock, Rice, Graham, Armstrong.

Apia still obviously in the depressions after their final four series defeats came a cropper once more at the Sydney Sports Ground on Sunday.

As has been their problem all season bad goalkeeping and missed chances robbed them of a game they should have won easily.

South Sydney-Croatia qualified for the Rothmans Cup semi-final when they eliminated Apia-Leichhardt 3-2 at Sydney Sports Ground on Sunday.

Their win was sealed three minutes from the end with Brian Turner, a reject from Western Suburbs earlier this season, accepting a dangerous pass from winger John Doyle.

He outpaced Apia's defence along the right and cut in a searing ground shot on the run that beat Apia goalkeeper, John Kennedy all the way.

The win followed a 1-1 draw between the teams last Wednesday night and Souths now go on to meet Western Suburbs in the semi-final at the Sports Ground on Wednesday night.

The Turner goal was an excellent follow-up to his earlier scoring shot midway in the first half when he beautifully angled the ball into Apia's net after Frank Brady had laid on the pass.

South's win was achieved without the full services of their star stopper, Brady, who suffered a knock above the left ankle during the

second half and was replaced by reserve Tony Dickenson.

Apia began the match in confident style and fullback Ken Jenkins carved through South's defence to float a well judged shot, over goalkeeper Ron Corry's hands into the net.

Right on half time Apia moved into the lead when Peter Ollerton headed on for skipper Jim Rooney to score.

But Derek Smith equalised in the 68th minute.

He followed up a ground pass and succeeded in trapping it right on the post transferring it into the net past the helpless Kennedy.

Rothmans Cup Semi-Final:

St. George 2 (Morgan 2) b. Hakoah-Eastern Suburbs 1 (Fletcher) at Sydney Sports Ground. Crowd: 3,096.

Quarter Final replay: South Sydney Croatia 3 (Turner 2, Smith) b. Apia-Leichhardt 2 (Jenkins, Rooney).

Third Grade Grand Final replay:

Marconi Fairfield 4 (Williams 3, Sharne) b. Safeway United 1 (Cooper).

by jack daniels

English super-star Bobby Charlton now player manager of Preston North End wants to make a tour of Australia with his club in May.

This week Charlton contacted Australian Soccer Federation secretary Brian Le Fevre by telephone to inquire whether or not a tour was feasible.

Charlton would be a great drawcard in Australia and with both Manchester United, and

would jump in at this idea as it is the done thing in America to run such competitions during the English off season.

But thinking again this project would most likely be too far advanced for the wonderful Australian Soccer administrators!

Bobby Charlton is possibly the most popular English born footballer of all time.

Universally respected for his great skills, which have brought him a host of medals and records, he is even held in even higher esteem for his sportsmanship.

After more than 17 years in the public eye, having progressed from a boy wonder to an elder statesman, Charlton is still as modest and unassuming as ever, untouched by the slightest hint of scandal, scorning retaliation on the field, endlessly polite through the myriad demands on his time.

Bobby Charlton's achievements are legendary. With Manchester United he gained three league championship medals, an FA Cup winners' medal as well as appearing in two defeated Wembley sides.

In 1968 he captained the team that became the first English winners of the European Cup.

No other player in United's history has made more appearances or scored more goals for the club.

In 1966 he was England's footballer of the year and later in the year he helped England to win the world cup, he was also voted European Footballer of the year.

Between 1958 and 1970, he established two English records — most appearances (106) and most goals (49 with 4 hat tricks) — he was awarded the MBE for his services.

Nephew of the former England striker Jackie Milburn, Charlton went from his Northumberland home to Old Trafford as a

result of United's far flung scouting system.

He made his debut in the first team at 18 as an inside-forward mainly noted for his powerful shooting.

In 1958 he miraculously escaped injury in the Munich air crash that destroyed the "Busby Babes" as a team, being flung to safety, strapped to his seat, with his shoes torn off.

Yet, in spite of the dreadful mental toll the disaster took, he returned to action almost immediately, moving to centre-forward and spearheading the gallant effort that took a patched up team to United's second successive Cup Final.

Indeed if a Charlton shot had gone in instead of rebounding off a post, just before Bolton's second goal the club might have won the trophy.

And if Charlton had been available for the second leg of United's second leg European Cup semi-final with Milan instead of travelling with England, he could possibly have appeared in the final 10 years earlier than he did.

Though in the World Cup party that summer he did not get a game despite widespread claims his inclusion.

But four years later in Chile, he was England's most outstanding forward, this time on the left wing, where his acceleration and sudden shot made him a constant danger.

By the time another World Cup had come around Charlton had embarked on yet another career, this time as a deep lying centre-forward.

If his goals were not as frequent as before, they remained as spectacular, and his superb passing and tireless effort added further dimensions to his all-round effectiveness.

His part in England's

World Cup victory was immense.

Yet in this sporting life studded with great events the greatest was still to come — on May 29, 1968, when Charlton scored twice in United's 4-1 win over Benfica in the European Cup final at Wembley.

The scenes as Sir Matt Busby embraced his captain was one of the most touching in football history.

Charlton, a sincere and emotional man, wept openly, just as had done at the end of the World Cup final.

With such great deeds achieved, Charlton had ample excuse for taking things more easily, but he remained an genuine, honest professional, dedicated to further success.

Although his fourth World Cup in 1970 ended in an anti-climax no player had trained more assiduously or worked harder in the broiling sunshine in Mexico.

But then Charlton was incapable of giving less than his best.

To be a non-trier was not in his nature.

Even at club level he continued to give 100 per cent and when well into the veteran stage he frequently made people wonder whether his England career had ended to soon.

Certainly England did not find a successor for him!

When he became manager of Preston in 1973 he had played 606 league games for Manchester United and scored 198 goals.

His brother Jack also a one club man played 629 league matches for Leeds United winning numerous honors with them and winning 35 caps for England, including the 1966 World Cup triumph all when in his thirties.

To have Bobby Charlton and his team come to play in Australia would be a great honor

indeed.
Every young kid in Australia could see this all time great in action and remember it for the

rest of their lives.
Players such as Bobby Charlton only come once in a lifetime and our administrators would be

hung, drawn and quartered if they let this golden opportunity slip through their hands.
by jack daniels



English super-star Bobby Charlton demonstrating his crafts to junior team in Sydney during his visit in 1970.

The Hakoah and Apla proposed venture to bring out super-stars Denis Law and Georgie Best to play a series of three games in Sydney and Melbourne has been shelved for the time being at least.

The reason being that no suitable grounds could be obtained to stage the games and suitable dates could not be arranged in conjunction with the local authorities.

This is the sad state of affairs that exist in Australian football at the present time.

Here were two great stars ready and agreeable to come and display their talents in Australia and they have

been knocked back by the sheer stupidity and petty bickering of officials.

Of course this is nothing new to Australian football and it is just this and this alone that has much to do with the stagnation of the game here in Australia.

Best will continue to play in exhibition matches throughout the world but now does not know when he can fit Australia into his itinerary.

Law has joined the

panel of experts that adjudge the results of games for the football pools when the games are postponed because of bad weather.

He has to travel to London from Manchester every weekend to do his new duties and they will not finish until the end of April.

He said that he would be willing to come out to Australia and play a match or two then if the Australian offer could match the lucrative ones he has had from the USA, Canada, South Africa and Hong Kong.

by oscar brown

St. George Budapest are firm favourites to win this week's Rothman's Cup final at the Sydney Sports Ground.

Who they will play in the final has not yet been decided and it will be resolved when South Sydney Croatia clash with Wests in the semi-finals on Wednesday night.

But it really does not matter who Saints meet in their present frame of mind.

Luckily, but their wins over big guns Apia and Hakoah in the Grand Final series they have been motivated far beyond that of any other Sydney team at the present time.

Whereas all the other clubs seem to wish the season finished, Saints have hit their straps when it was needed and player coach John Warren has his players in a great frame of mind.

And leading the Saints in their surge forward are Australian international Manfred Schaefer, John Warren, Attila Abonyi, Harry Williams, Doug Utjesenovic, George Harris and Jim Fraser.

All these players are playing to their full potential and have clicked at the right time.

Another player who is making the team tick is midfielder John Stoddard.

Stoddardt is a brilliant

schemer and a true Scottish ball player.

Wests are expected to beat Croatia in the semi-finals and have another shot at toppling Saints.

Saints blitzed them in the preliminary final of the Grand Final series and there seems no reason why it should not happen again.

Wests have a number of problems and only two weeks ago coach Les Scheinflug disciplined his midfielders Alan Ainslie and Kenny Lindsay and dropped them for one game.

Lindsay and Ainslie were alleged to have one or two drinks too many at the Rothmans Cup presentation and this did not please Scheinflug.

Lindsay has also contracted to play in Hong Kong in the Australian off season and his heart will not be fully on the job at hand!

Technically Saints are a better team than either Wests or Croatia and man for man they are streets ahead.

So the first Rothmans Cup in Sydney Soccer seems bound for the trophy cabinet at their plush Mortdale Club as once more the Saints go marching in!

by oscar brown



probably the most effective present time and the good at he is reconsidering his odd on that he will play football. Abonyi is one of ay's Rothmans Cup final.

d national director of coaching Eric Worthington of the Australian next year.

as national coach are well and truly over.

Although he has yet to prove himself as a coach in high places, Worthington has all that it takes to make a successful national coach.

He knows the game

but sometimes never shown by a national coach.

He had a varied playing career, having been a member of the Tottenham nursery team but army service interrupted his playing career until he joined Queens Park Rangers first as an amateur, then as a professional.

Four years with QPR was followed by a short playing career with Watford at which point he began training for his career as a coach.

He was head of the physical education department at both Bexley Grammar School and Crown Wood before joining the staff of Loughborough College where he was appointed an FA staff coach.

Later he was appointed

coach to Loughborough College Soccer team and to Leicester County Youth team.

He has just completed studies for a masters degree at Leicester University and as a sideline has coaching qualifications in athletics, basketball, lawn tennis and cricket.

Worthington made an outstanding success of coaching the undefeated under 23 team in Indonesia last year and his qualities as a coach and leader were unquestioned.

Under his command the Socceroos could have a great deal of success and in the bargain produce more attacking football, something that has been missing from their play for many a long day.

by oscar brown



Former Manchester United star George Best congratulates Eric Worthington on his success in Australia during a recent visit to England by Worthington. Also in the picture (left to right) are Manchester United goalkeeper Alex Stepney, Preston boss Bobby Charlton, United striker Ian Moore and former coach Malcolm Musgrove.



Australian director of coaching Eric Worthington meets Arsenal boss Bertie Mee during a recent visit to England. Worthington and Mee had a long meeting talking over the coaching aspects of the football game.

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SOCCER GOSSIP

EVERY week we see one of the world's great coaches watching games in Victoria. Not as a paid official. He comes just to look because he's out of work. He is Juan Schwanner, the former national coach of Chile.

He had a spell with Melbourne but couldn't get full co-operation from some players and decided to give it away. When he quit, Alistair Scott took over the coaching job.

We often wonder why such a great soccer coach has failed in Melbourne when he obviously was such a success overseas. Is it our primitive set-up?

Another coach who has not been blessed with the success he believes he deserves is Sam Meyer, of Hakoah St. Kilda. He had a very bad run for the last few weeks of the season.

It appears every member of the Hakoah committee and club — except one, president Les Erdi — is after his blood. Rumours have it he's coached his last Hakoah side.

Probably Sam's biggest fault is himself. He's so sensitive. The Press frequently criticise him — and other coaches for that matter — but Sam has taken it to heart.

He told one of our leading soccer writers, Fred Villiers, at Middle Park on Saturday that if he was a State League coach next season he would not allow any members of the Press in the dressing room.

Seems strange doesn't it that this one coach has to adopt a policy like this because he resents a journalist doing his job which is basically to sell newspapers?

There are reporters who provide stimulating

and provocative copy and others who report straight, hard colorless facts which do little for their publications or the under-publicised game of soccer in this Aussie rules-ridden city of Melbourne!

Mr. Meyer seems upset because he read in Soccer Week that his team were lucky to finish in the top eight of the State League this season.

To me that seems a fair comment considering how poor the team's forwards were for most of the 22 weeks of the competition.

The club itself has always built a side on "strength" which is what Hakoah is all about. But where was the strength in the Hakoah attack this season? I think personally they were lucky to finish in the top eight when it took star players like Mike Micevski months to find the net.

We all have our bad days. Hakoah had one of its poorest seasons on record as compared with some of its great fighting sides of the past. I'm not saying who is to blame. But Mr. Meyer is the coach.

If something goes wrong on a ship the captain ALWAYS takes the responsibility and in soccer we ALWAYS look to the coach when the team is sick. Therefore Mr. Meyer must take the full responsibility for his team's poor performance this season.

He knows as well as I that he had the material in great players like Mike Clarey, Mike Mandalls, David Baker, Anton Dosen, John Duran, Jack Reilly (there is no better goalkeeper in Australia) and Mike Micevski. But he couldn't get the best out of them.

As the only full-time professional coach in Victoria he should have done better. His reserve coach Sandy Henderson proved on Saturday that Hakoah has the material when with his first team "cast offs" he soundly thrashed Box Hill 3-0 in the Harry Armstrong Reserve Cup semi-final at Middle Park.

Whether Mr. Meyer coaches another league team next season or sits on the sidelines, I for one will still reserve the right to criticise him or any other coach, player or official in the game.

It is healthy. It is what makes people interested in our sport. And for Mr. Meyer's information some of the most enthusiastic readers of Soccer Week happen to be Hakoah St. Kilda followers.

And furthermore, if our World Cup competition allows reporters into dressing rooms during this big world class event, I can't see why our humble State League has to have a rule for itself.

Publicity is the lifeblood of soccer in any country. It's a great pity that our top league clubs fall down so badly on this aspect of the game.

And it's such a pity we have coaches in the sport like Mr. Meyer who can't see beyond their noses when it comes to

constructive criticism.

He, like all other players, coaches and officials, are in the public eye. If they can't take it, they should get out of the game — once and for all!

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AND now for another blast off. Publish and be damned if you like but it is pathetic when we have to tolerate the shambles we saw at Middle Park last Saturday when a referee didn't study his rule book.

I refer to Mr. Michael Daley, the referee in charge of the Harry Armstrong Reserve Cup semi-final between Sunshine City and North Carlton which finished in a 1-1 draw. Mr. Daley should have played 15 minutes each way immediately after the game.

It seems that everyone at Middle Park knew the rules — including his two linesmen — but Mr. Daley. He refused to play extra time "because I haven't been given instructions to do so" he told Sunshine club officials when they protested.

But apart from this, one of the referees' executive committee (Mr. Contini) was at the game and he told Mr. Daley that he had to play extra time and furthermore Mr. Contini said he would take the responsibility.

Colin Tuffield had charge of the second semi-final and he is also the secretary of the referees' association. He said he would play extra time if necessary — but still Mr. Daley would not budge.

We all know what a great organisation the referees' body is and how

concerned it is for perfection. We all know how much time is devoted to this enthusiastic band of men in the study of the laws of the game.

But wouldn't it be a little more intelligent to explain to our whistlemen some of our local laws, for example how our Cup competitions are played?

It's bad enough having the unwritten law that whistlemen should not talk to the Press but one Pressman on Saturday tried in vain to try and tell Mr. Daley his job. Naturally, he wouldn't listen or comment. Well done Mr. Daley!

But your boo boo caused the entire game to be replayed on Saturday and also unnecessarily made the players and clubmen bring their men out on a day that should have been a rest day for all concerned.

It was not only a waste of time but also a financial waste because all the soccer fans on Sunday (6164 of them) went to Olympic Park for the Dockerty Cup semi-finals.

We know it is human to make a mistake. But this is one error that could have been avoided had Mr. Daley known the rules of the competition.

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THE big crowd at Sunday's Dockerty Cup Semi-finals was the biggest seen at a Cup semi-final for five years and the reason was the GTV-9 telecasts. It has given a new lift to the game.

As we've been saying throughout the year, the day would come when the telecasts would pay off. This has proved a point.

For example look what it's done for Ringwood City. They've never had it so good. What hope did they have of playing in front of a crowd of 6164 people? None, had it not been for the impact that GTV-9 has had on our game.

We all know that some clubs have lost during the year because of TV stealing their gate money. But we kept telling them that it would eventually pay off. This is the time. It paid off on

Sunday and it will pay off again this Sunday when Ringwood City plays Hellas in the final.

Our tip to the people who run the State League is don't throw this wonderful opportunity away. Let GTV-9 come to the party again next year.

Open up the doors for TV. It surely will pay dividends but be patient. It won't happen overnight. It will take a little time.

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TERRY Venables did a great job with the whistle in the second Dockerty Cup semi between Hellas and JUST on Sunday. This ref. is one of the few who really tries to let the game flow.

We hope to see more of him — and Jack Readshaw — in future top league games.

xxx

TONY BOGGI, the new coach of Fitzroy United, didn't start too well with his new team in their quest for Dockerty Cup honors on Sunday when they were beaten 4-2 by Ringwood City.

However, he did show one thing that I liked. He told the players who was boss — Mr. Boggi. When Fitzroy captain Nick Racovalis walked off "because no body is playing with me and I don't want to play," Mr. Boggi ordered him back on the field.

After the game, the new coach said "Racovalis will never play for me again. I can't have a captain walking off the field whenever he feels like it."

That's the way it should be. Whoever heard of players taking the law into their own hands. We saw some of this nonsense from Alexander players some seasons ago when they had Manny Poulakakis as their coach. Because they didn't like his training methods they all went on strike!

Let's clean this game of ours up once and for all. Let's show who really is the boss of our teams — the coach. Let's have discipline in our ranks and set an example to our paying public.

Well done Mr. Boggi! There should be more like you in the game. Discipline is needed on and off the field at all times. I couldn't think of a more appropriate man for the job of state coach. He deserves to do well.

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STAN FOSTER, the player who used to turn out for Apia (Sydney) in 1970 and '71 and was one of their top scorers, netted the lone goal which gave Albion Rovers their 1-0 win over Preston in the Federation Cup semi-final at Middle Park on Saturday.

Peter Avenet scored for Frankston City when they beat Park Rangers in the other semi-final.

This Saturday at Middle Park in the Federation Cup final the betting is Albion Rovers are slight favourites to take the Cup. Should be a good match for those fans who have the afternoon is spare.

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TREVOR OWEN has worked wonders with Ringwood City. We saw this at Olympic Park on Sunday when his team ran riot with Fitzroy United.

One of the happiest men at the Park was Mr. John van Hobken, snr., the Ringwood president. It was good to see him smiling and patting his players on the back as they walked off the field after their Dockerty Cup semi-final win.

It's also amazing what a difference a change of coach will do for a side. Ringwood never had any luck when Ken Kontra was in charge. As soon as he left things started to look bright for the club.

Phil Williamson, Gary Cole and Mike Lyn played well together on Sunday. They completely outplayed the Bannan brothers in a fast and exciting game.

They also could topple Hellas in the final this Sunday. If they did, it wouldn't surprise me. Ringwood haven't lost a game in their last four matches and they are now a team to be reckoned with — one that could easily take out the Cup on Sunday.

SYDNEY SOCCER SCENE CONTD.

A leading Sydney club will this week open negotiations with Southampton and former England striker Peter Osgood in an attempt to sign him at the end of the present English season.

Osgood who transferred from Chelsea to Southampton last season is said to be very unhappy at his new club and is contemplating moving overseas.

Last year he was brought to Sydney by the Hakoah club to play in a friendly game at the Sydney Sports Ground against the South American champions Cruzeiro.

During his week long visit he was overjoyed with the treatment he received from the Bondi-based club and has been in constant touch with the club since then.

Although he was transferred to Southampton for a fee at around \$400,000, it is thought that his contract with the club expires at the end of this present season and then he will be a free agent.

An outstanding ball player in his own right



youngsters, but these local youngsters must have players of star quality in the first teams to look up to and to learn from.

Because of just this reason it is to be hoped that this ambitious Sydney club has loads of success in trying to woo Peter Osgood to the Harbor city.

Osgood has all the qualities to make him a king in the Sydney Soccer setup and at long last bring a star for the youngsters to look up to.

This was the formula for success in the early sixties in Sydney Soccer when big time stars such as the Baumgartners, the Jaros's, the Kelly's were performing.

These stars brought more youngsters through to the big time than at any other period and on wonders now if players such as John Warren, John Watkess for example would ever have made it without idols such as were just mentioned.

The salvation of Australian Soccer is in the breeding of local

SOCCER WEEK PREVIEW

by JOHN MARTIN

STH. Melbourne Hellas had better forget about beating Ringwood City by a big score in the Dockerty Cup final at Olympic Park, on Sunday.

They won't. Ringwood is a much stronger team than most clubs think. They proved this with their convincing win over Fitzroy United in the semi final last Sunday.

Ringwood have a strong striking force with Mike Lyn, Brian Thom, Gary Cole and Phil Williamson outstanding.

If they are allowed freedom this Sunday they will give Johnny Bedford, Steve Walker and Peter Bourne a real run for their money.

Marke Fode, the man of the match last week against JUST, will have to read the game well as Ringwood come in fast when they attack.

The excellent backing the Ringwood forwards receive from the brilliant Mike Pye, David Garthwaite, Benny de Bruyckere, Dick Ward and Freddie Bunce is something to see to be believed.

I've never seen the Ringwood forwards as well as they did against Fitzroy on Sunday. If they play as well this week we should all be in for a

surprise result.

All credit for their great performance must go to Trevor Owen who seems to be one of the few coaches at Ringwood who is having a lone hand without any interference. It is paying results. The side gives good value with a bright style of soccer which keeps the fans on their toes throughout the 90 minutes of play.

Chris Kent has been one of the best signings Ringwood have had in years. He's going to be a big asset to the club next season and already he's been worth his weight in gold.

Hellas are beginning to look tired after the hard chase they had for the championship. The best they could do was a lone goal by Ian Marshall (still their most colorful player) against JUST.

Greek player Ulysses Kokkinos has lost some of his super star polish since his leg injury and was inclined to be a passenger on Sunday. Jim Armstrong too is feeling the effects of a hard season chasing that \$1000 top goalscorer's award.

John Daperis always plays hard and intelligent football, clearing shot after shot when the ball is in danger. Andrew Savage is a sparkling

player when he has the ball at his feet. He has great speed too and is dangerous when in possession in front of an opponent's goal.

Nick Nechvoglod is still making his weekly trips from Adelaide but he's not the player he was some weeks back. He lacks the hard training coach Johnny Margaretis gives his boys.

Hellas will have an advantage with their more experienced players but they could be beaten by speed — and this is something Ringwood have in their front line.

The Teams

Ringwood City:

1. Van Egmond, 2. Mike Pye, 3. Dick Ward, 4. Garthwaite, 5. de Bruyckere, 6. Bunce, 7. Williamson, 8. Smith, 9. Cole, 10. Mike Lyn, 11. Chris Kent, 12. Brian Thom, 13. Mullett

Sth. Melb. Hellas:

1. Fode, 2. Pirzas, 3. Bedford, 4. Marshall, 5. Walker, 6. Bourne, 7. Daperis, 8. Nechvoglod, 9. Armstrong, 10. Kokkinos, 11. Savage, 12. Ron Smith, 13. Batticciotti.

laughing stock of English football today with four teams in the last five places of the first division.

They are — Chelsea, Arsenal, Tottenham and Queen's Park Rangers.

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WHAT did Leeds skipper Billy Bremner say when unwanted \$500,000 Duncan McKenzie joyously nutmegged him (slid the ball between his legs) in a five a side the other day?

"Son, at Leeds we don't take the mickey out of other players. We play to win."

What did McKenzie say?

Nothing. Just gawped.

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JACK DUNNETT, M.P., chairman of Notts County, broke off from electioneering for a gloomy survey of football finance — which includes his own club's loss of \$2000 a week.

"I've never been so pessimistic and I'm a natural optimist," he says.

His pessimism is shared in Nottingham. If socialist Dunnett loses his 3000 majority there is a fear he'll pull out of County.

For he lives in Brighton, works in London and has no other ties with Nottingham.

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THEY WILL PLAY IN HONG KONG

TERRY Gallagher, a Hong Kong soccer club agent in Victoria, was a very happy man on Saturday night when he announced that he'd found three top Victorians to play in Hong Kong for their season which starts on Saturday.

His three players — Brian Harvey (Hakoah St Kilda), Colm McFeely (Melbourne) and Steve Gow (Pahran Slavia) — left from Sydney with four N.S.W. stars on Tuesday night at 9 p.m.

They will play their first games for United Services Dept. club in Hong Kong's first division on Saturday.

The most important part of the deal is the money. Each player will get \$100 a week — and they'll need every cent of it in Hong Kong — plus \$10,000 insurance cover for injury.

Terry Gallagher said as an incentive the players will receive a percentage

of the agent money in Hong Kong when the USD team wins.

On arrival in Hong Kong the players were met by press, radio and TV and received one of the greatest receptions any sporting contingent had ever had in the British colony.

Brian Harvey, of Hakoah St. Kilda, will be a player as well as assistant coach of the team.

The season in Hong Kong lasts for five months ending in February. This should make the players 100 per cent fit for their return to Australia in time for our winter season.

Mr. Gallagher explained that the players were only on loan. He also said the two paragraphs in Soccer Week and the Sunday Observer asking for players brought hundreds of requests from Victorian players to go to Hong Kong.

FORD FALCONS BEST PLAYER

Duzon Knezevic was named Ford Falcons best and fairest player last week.

HAKOAH LEADS THE WAY WITH POOLS

HAKOAH Ajax sports and soccer clubs have taken the lead in introducing soccer pools in Victoria and at the same time are helping to boost their own funds.

Last week they opened an agency for pools at 97 Alma Road, East St Kilda. The office will be administered by Mrs Margaret Ashton from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day.

All those wishing to become sub-agents or take part in the pools should contact her by phone or personally. Her phone number is 51-9782.

It is understood the club have already appointed a top soccer man to look after their public relations and they hope to be in business in a big way within the next few months.

If you are interested in soccer pools in any way you should contact Mrs Ashton immediately.

DAVID QUAYLE ACTIVE IN SWAN HILL

REMEMBER David Quayle, the very active president of Box Hill club when they were in State League?

David is now chief engineer of the Swan Hill District Hospital but he still likes his soccer. So much so that he's started the Swan Hill Soccer Club and they recently had a good run in the Bendigo League Knock Out Cup.

When David formed the club they played friendly games with other clubs in the district but now he wants to start a northern Victorian Association.

EDGLEY NOT NAMED IN TEAM OF THE YEAR

ONE of the strange things about the Soccer Press Association's nomination last Thursday for the

Player of the Year award was the nomination of Brian Edgley, captain-coach of Mooroolbark United.

Brian finished in the final six State League players chosen by the writers but he didn't make the Team of the Year.

Of the six Jim Armstrong, of Hellas, was voted Player of the Year and was presented with a medal by Bill Fleming, a former Melbourne soccer writer.

The team of the year is Jimmy Milisavljevic (JUST), Vince Bannon (Fitzroy), Steve Walker (Hellas), Alistair Scott (Melbourne), Mike Pye (Ringwood), John Gardiner (George Cross), Pat Bannon (Fitzroy), Peter Bourne (Hellas), Jim Armstrong (Hellas), Paul Murphy, (George Cross), Ulysses Kokkinos (Hellas).

Duncan Cummings, of Melbourne, was selected the most promising under 21 player in Victoria. He was presented with a trophy by Stan Stacey (Sporting Globe) on behalf of the writers.

ACTION SHOTS

FEDERATION CUP SEMI-FINAL
at KIM RESERVE ALTONA Sat.
Oct. 5th 1974
Albion Rovers 1 Preston 0



ABOVE: Albion's Best and Fairest for 1974, Billy Doggett, tackles Geoff Grannon (stripes) of Preston in the Federation Cup Semi-Final at Kim Reserve last Saturday.



ABOVE: The ball rises a trail of water as Geoff Grannon (Stripes) of Preston, clashes with Stan Foster and Hugh Donnelly (5) of Albion during Saturdays Semi-Final at Altona.



ABOVE: Another great action shot by photographer Graham Tie as he stops John Pryde's penalty kick a fraction of a second before Preston Goalkeeper brings off an excellent save.

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A DRAW.

ON-SIDE WITH STEPHEN KALDS

SO IT'S SOUTH MELBOURNE-HELLAS and RINGWOOD-WILHELMINA for the final of the 1974 DOCKERTY CUP which will be decided on Sunday at Olympic Park.

Fitzroy Alexander which was a strong contender to win the 1974 championship and the Cup failed in the last four rounds showing a complete lapse of form in defence. Their star, goalkeeper Kennedy who was transferred to Sydney was never rightly replaced and it was the goalpost position which cost Fitzroy several important games. Wilhelmina's four goals were scored in an easy manner and the Dutch team deserves compliments for an excellent display of soccer.

JUST failed to reach the final despite their superiority in the second half and it was MARKO FODE the ex-JUST goalkeeper who made miracle saves and prevented his old team from score.

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NORTH CARLTON HAD TO PLAY 180 MINUTES TO QUALIFY FOR THE FINAL OF THE HARRY ARMSTRONG CUP. And only thanks to the good judgment and fast acting of the VSF secretary George Wallace the final against Hakoah-St. Kilda will take place next Sunday at Olympic Park as curtain raiser. It all

started when referee Mike Daley refused to play extra time when the game Carlton-Sunshine City finished in a draw 1-1. Mr Wallace made a rush trip to Middle Park, admitted the referee's mistake and ordered a replay on Sunday which finished with a 3-1 victory for North Carlton.

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THE BILL FLEMING MEDAL FOR THE 1974 State league competition was won by the tall Scotchman-South Melbourne Hellas striker JIMMY ARMSTRONG. This was decided last week at a dinner function of the Soccer Press Association. The closest to Jimmy was his teammate Steve Walker. The most improved under 21 player DUNCAN CUMMINGS of Melbourne won the award of the Soccer Press Association.

Also a team of the year was announced by the press and the following players were chosen: Jim Milisajevic, Vince Banon, Steve Walker, Mike Pye, Alister Scott, Pat Banon, Peter Bourns, Ian Marshall, Ulysses Kokkinos, Jim Armstrong and Paul Murphy.

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WITH THE SEASON CLOSE TO AN END, we can expect changes of coaches, team managers and other administrators in the state league. The present playing coach of Melbourne Alister Scott is moving for good to Hobart to take over a similar position with one of the leading Hobart Clubs. John Shwaner the Hungarian professional coach who was brought by Melbourne from Europe clashed at trainings with Alister Scott and left the club, will most probably return to the Hungarian club and settle the financial differences he has with the president. Sam Meyer, Hakoah full time coach, is looking for another club. There are rumors that he will replace John Margaritis who is moving to Sydney. Bill Curran, Victorian and Hakoah under 16 manager-coach, applied for the position as manager-coach of Hakoah's state league team. Brian Edgley of Mooroolbark is leaving the club and will most probably join Hakoah.

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ABV Channel 2 is launching a new sport show of different sports and soccer will also be represented. The competitors contacted last week the soccer press. Further details will soon be announced in this column.

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Australia will participate in the 1976 soccer olympic tournament. It is the second time we are in that competition. The

Australian team entered for the first time the soccer tournament in the 1956 Olympic games.

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The Polish national team which performed so well in the World Cup series is recently not doing so good. Several top players lost form. The team was beaten recently by West Germany and France and a worried coach Kaz. Gorski dropped no less than 9 players replacing the national squad with promising youngsters.

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VICTORIA STARTED ALREADY its preparation for the big game against LKS-Poland. Tony Bogi had the first training with the squad last Wednesday night at Middle Park. The Polish tourists as soon as they arrive in Melbourne will be guests of the "Soccer Week" at the Goldey Bowl Fitness Centre in Camberwell. Channel 9 will be there and special attention will be paid to top Polish players, members of the Polish National team

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THE HAKOAH UNDER 16 TEAM is continuing their run of successes. Last Sunday Bill Curran's boys defeated Wilhelmina 5-0. Alec Marshall scored 3 goals, Crisp Harmstrom and David Efron one each. In the last 20 games the youngsters had 19 wins and one draw

Australian SOCCERPOOLS



John Conteh newly crowned light heavyweight champion of the World and film star Britt Ekland present a cheque for £235,119 to bakers roundsman Arthur Smith of Bridgend on behalf of Vernons Pools at the Waldorf hotel recently.

For the matches played on Saturday, September 28, Vernons U.K. First Division prize would have been equal to \$518,526 if it had been paid on the Australian Soccerpool basis.

The fabulous fortune won by Arthur Smith, a bread delivery man from Bridgend, Glamorgan, is increased further because he also picked up prizes in the other prize divisions.

Altogether he won:
One First Division prize.
Eight Second Division prizes.
Sixteen Third Division prizes.
Fifty-six Fifth Division prizes.

Arthur Smith entered two systems and the winning one was a system "8 from 11 numbers" and his grand total of prizes would have amounted to \$575,690 on the Australian Soccerpool basis of calculating the prizes.

This is his story: 1st October, 1974.

It was laughs all the way for 84-year-old Arthur Smith of Felinore Avenue, Pencroft, near Bridgend, Glamorgan, when a Vernons

representative called to tell him he had won a jackpot. Told he had won a big sum, Arthur replied "Honestly, I just don't believe you", and laughed heartily just to show he wasn't being unkind.

No wonder Arthur couldn't stop laughing. He didn't have clue that he had even won 3p let alone a fortune. For the first time since he began filling in his Vernons coupon, and that's 30 years ago, he didn't take a copy of his forecasts. So he needed some convincing.

He explained that he had been to a works dinner on the Wednesday night — when he usually fills in his coupon. When they got home his wife Lilian reminded him to fill it in because an agent would be collecting it the following day before he got home. Weary Arthur sat down at 1 o'clock in the morning and picked his numbers at random for his system, as usual, but didn't bother to copy them out. Arthur laughed uproariously when he recalled Lilian had even remarked when he was filling in the coupon "you'll never... win".

The couple have a mentally retarded son, Graham, who is a patient at a nearby hospital, and they have him home every weekend.

Arthur delivers bread to shops, and Lilian, aged 85 works in a local factory.

"We've both had to work to maintain a car, which we must have to collect Graham from hospital. Now, thank goodness, we know that we will be able to make provision for him", commented Arthur, whose infectious laughter was missing for just a short while as he thought of Graham, but then the face wreathed in smiles once more when he realised what they would now be able to do for Graham and their many good friends.

"We don't feel we will lose any of our friends after winning this fortune, because everyone has been so good with Graham," said Arthur.

Both were born in the Manchester area but don't intend returning there, because as Lilian said, "We have so many good friends here now and the pace of life is much better."

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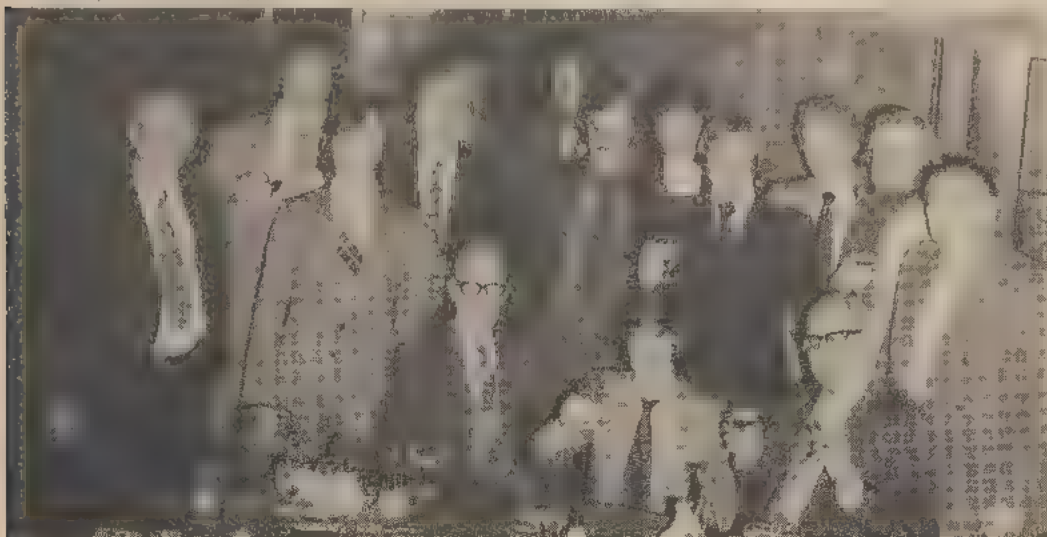
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Jim Armstrong winner of the Bill Fleming Award



Duncan Cummings of Melbourne winner of the Soccer Press Association under 21 award



Members of the Press and Jim Armstrong winner of the Bill Fleming Award

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE CHATTER

By FRED HARBE

IT'S STANDARD - IN CRUSHING STYLE

Ericsson, glamor team of the season and undefeated until last Sunday, failed dismally to hold on to their leading position when facing highly ambitious Standard Ast, collapsing to the tune of six clear goals thus conceding top position and title.

The Violets, thoroughly prepared for the big clash, dished out a soccer lesson, one that Ericsson won't forget for a while. "6-0 we're gonna win", said Gunther Kiesel, Standard's secretary, to me last week, and 6-0 it was. What's more, Standard deserved all credit for being a class too good for the Blue-Yellows.

ERICSSON HAND-ICAPPED

Seems to me that Ericsson might have suffered more than they are willing to admit from Dennis Ferguson's departure to Northern Ireland. Dennis coolness under pressure was badly missed last Sunday. George Bundy's absence (his wife went to hospital the same day to have a baby), didn't help either.

However, I dare to say, Ericsson would have finished the day on the losing end even in full strength. Too professional was Standard's approach.

As could have been expected, the game was played hard, and referee Finnegan had his hands full to control the many hidden fouls and temper outbursts, and it didn't surprise to see two players pre-maturely back in the dressing rooms. Ericsson's Mario Posavac, frustrated for not being able to hold Standard's double goalscorer, Barry Horsfall, forgot himself and took a violent swipe at Barry. Horsfall in turn didn't find that a bit amusing and took his private revenge. But all grudges were forgotten when both received their marching orders, and

they left the pitch as friends.

BOBBY'S MISSING OUT

Only one goal was the difference between the goalscoring tallies of Standard's Bobby Walker and Ericsson's Brana Basic, before Sunday's game. Basic was on 26. Walker on 25.

In first half Walker missed out, but he took his chance early in the 2nd half after a defensive blunder by Ericsson. Now both players were level pegged. Whether Walker didn't realise the situation, whether there was a disagreement with team-mate Horsfall or whether he simply didn't care, I don't know. In any case, when Standard were awarded a penalty at the scores of 4-0, Horsfall took the kick despite loud cries for Bobby Walker from the spectator ranks.

Walker remained on one goal for the match, and now shares the top goalscoring honor with Brana Basic.

IT'S STANDARD'S TITLE - ON GOAL AVERAGE

Despite the crushing victory, Standard's margin in winning the title is nothing more than a mammoth advantage in goal average. Ericsson in fact only required a draw in that game to stay on top.

One thing is certain, though. Both teams are going to be tough contenders in first division next year, and if Standard can keep the present team, we're up for some thrilling soccer in the top division next year.

SEASON IS FINISHED - BUT NEXT YEAR ALREADY IN PLANNING

The 1974 season was the most successful one for the Industrial League ever. A record number of teams, namely 29 in three divisions fought for championship and Cup honors, and already the League is being flooded with applications from new works teams who are more than eager to join the immensely strong MISL with the result that League officials are already taking into consideration a fourth division. In fact talking to some of the stronger clubs, it appears that even a Reserve competition might be in the making.

NO PROBLEMS WITH GROUNDS

With such expansion imminent one might be

led to believe that the biggest drawback would be the scarcity of grounds and facilities, however, such are the least of the problems. In fact, many companies are able to throw their weight into negotiations with local councils, and it has happened more than once that councils have made pitches available to soccer that were previously used for other sports purely because of persuasion and power bargaining by larger companies within their municipality.

Furthermore a substantial number of Industrial clubs have their own grounds on company property with the added advantage of being able

to use the firm's locker rooms and showers. FORD's are the prime example in this regard.

CRY FOR REFEREES

Although the Industrial League has had tremendous support from both the VSF and the referee's organisation over the past years, the chronic shortage of

whistlemen has naturally also affected the MISL. Such problems would naturally be made worse if more and more teams are accepted into the League. It appears necessary that some concerted recruiting action from within the Industrial League is necessary to help fill the ranks of the Victorian Referees Association.

IN INDUSTRIAL FOCUS

Popular sweeper Paul Corke of champion team McColl, who is still very much in everybody's mind for his brilliant defence work during last year's first ADIDAS Cup final where he practically saved McColl against Kodak from certain defeat, last Saturday received his 2nd Best and Fairest award for the 1974 season. During McColl's presentation party at the home of ever so ambitious and energetic secretary Alex Skaraiev, Paul Corke was presented with the Club's Best and Fairest award by retiring Springvale mayor, Bob Luxford.

Earlier in the week Paul had received the Best and Fairest trophy for his VSF club, Box Hill. Although Paul scooped the pool of his two clubs fared with mixed fortunes. While McColl successfully defended their title, it was the grand slide for Box Hill. Two seasons ago in State League the Hillmen have now managed to tumble right down to 2nd division Metropolitan League, after a disappointing performance this season.

For those following the Industrial League the grand End-of-Season Ball at the Camberwell Civic Centre on November 2, is something worth going to. As the only function of its kind this annual industrial affair has proved tremendously popular over the past year with the result that the League had to book larger and larger venues. In the MISL foundation year, 1971, 185 people attended the very first function. The year after the attendance jumped to 260. Last year's Ball at the Swagman Restaurant in Fernree Gully attracted almost 500 people, among them TV star Michael Pate and high-ranking VSF officials.

To cope with the expected run on tickets, the MISL has made allowance for a total

number of 800 this year. Tickets are presently on sale and can be ordered by telephoning 735-0371 any time.

Even for people not directly connected with the MISL, the ball would provide some excellent entertainment, keeping in mind that all people present will have one thing in common, and that is their interest in soccer.

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Besides numerous presentations for top goal scorers, Best and Fairest awards and championships and runners-up flags, two important announcements will be made at the MISL Presentation Night. Firstly Philip Morris will announce and present their KINGFORD AWARD OF THE YEAR to the outstanding team in 1974, not necessarily the best.

As the highlight of the night, David Chant of TARAX Drinks will present the \$150.00 TARAX Player of the Year Award to the most outstanding player in 1974.

SPELL IN THE HILLS?

If ever anybody would have a legitimate reason to be disheartened with the game it would be ACI Box Hill's outstanding linkman and sweeper, Merv Samuels. Merv, in a rush transaction to beat the deadlines was transferred from ACI to cousins Box Hill at Wembley Park. In return he was granted a Permit to continue his Sunday games with ACI. Seems that he didn't really bring luck to either of the teams. Some kind of rare "achievement", what else can it be called? Both clubs were relegated at the end of this season. A spell in the hills? Or was it Merv. Let's assume the first.

ABOVE: Nigel Bridgeman of Albion and Preston's Tom Fox (stripes) in a heading duel, watched by John Pryde (9) and Jim McCracken (4)

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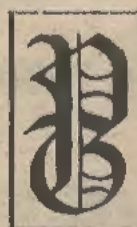
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1972 FORD XA 250 AUTOMATIC SEDAN. Finished in unmarked green duco and saddle upholstery and trims. This vehicle is registered until April '75 and has travelled only 18,000 miles. Finance arranged on \$200 deposit. Full price \$2795.

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1972 TORANA LJ 4 DOOR 2250 SL AUTOMATIC SEDAN. This as new genuine one-owner car was first purchased from Masseys on 15.12.74 and has travelled only 6,500 miles. This car will be sold \$1000 under new car price with full new car warranty.

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Sunshine City	22	16	4	2	51	9	36
Altona City	22	14	5	3	52	22	33
Preston	22	12	7	3	58	20	31
Kellor City	22	12	3	7	51	33	26
Albion Rovers	22	10	5	7	35	33	26
Green Gully	22	7	6	9	28	32	20
Frankston City	22	7	6	9	32	40	20
St. Albans	22	6	6	10	27	34	18
Essendon Lions	22	7	4	11	31	51	18
Western Suburbs	22	5	8	9	24	48	18
Box Hill	22	3	6	13	19	38	12
Yallourn	22	2	2	18	20	71	6

Waverley City	22	16	2	4	56	25	34
Ferntree Gully	22	13	5	4	39	22	31
Croydon City	22	12	6	4	50	28	30
Dandenong City	22	8	7	7	45	39	23
Princes Park	22	8	6	8	34	36	23
Richmond	22	6	8	8	33	33	20
Springvale	22	5	10	7	31	35	20
North Carlton	22	7	6	9	31	45	20
Newport	22	6	6	10	29	35	18
Moreland	22	5	7	10	31	39	17
Prahran City	22	6	5	11	30	47	17
Ringwood Utd.	22	4	4	14	27	52	12

Brighton	22	14	4	4	43	21	32
Bayswater	22	13	5	4	43	18	31
Essendon City	22	14	3	5	56	34	31
Park Rangers	22	12	6	4	39	25	30
Coburg	22	11	5	6	43	33	27
Eltham	22	9	7	6	43	37	25
Doveton	22	9	4	9	34	31	22
Heidelberg	22	8	3	11	41	43	19
Chelsea	22	7	3	12	20	29	17
Caulfield	22	5	2	15	29	51	12
Ballarat	22	2	6	15	27	82	8
Corio	22	2	5	15	17	63	9

East Melbourne	22	15	3	4	48	26	33
Bell Park	22	14	4	4	49	19	32
Broadmeadows	22	13	4	5	34	27	30
Monash University	22	12	2	8	37	23	26
Clayton	22	12	2	8	49	39	26
Dunrobin Rovers	22	11	2	9	50	34	24
Moorabbin City	22	9	4	9	53	37	22
Melbourne Uni.	22	7	4	12	30	45	17
Sandringham	22	7	1	14	31	48	16
Mornington	22	5	5	12	25	50	15
Rosebud	22	6	2	14	23	50	14
South Yarra	22	3	4	15	23	59	10

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Essendon City	22	7	3	12	44	59	17
Eltham	22	6	5	11	45	47	17
Coburg	22	6	2	14	35	53	14
Ballarat	22	5	3	14	29	45	13
Caulfield City	22	1	2	19	22	120	4

Monash Uni.	22	19	1	3	72	23	38
Dunrobin Rovers	22	17	1	4	71	25	35
Clayton	22	16	3	3	59	21	36
Broadmeadows City	22	12	3	7	45	27	27
Moorabbin City	22	12	2	8	43	35	26
Melbourne Uni.	22	11	4	7	31	28	26
Bell Park	22	9	4	9	40	32	22
Sandringham	22	8	3	11	49	51	19
Mornington	22	4	4	14	28	82	12
East Melbourne	22	4	3	16	31	70	11
South Yarra	22	3	2	17	17	62	8
Rosebud	22	1	3	18	16	66	5

Morwell Falcons	22	15	3	4	60	27	33
Geelong	22	15	3	4	56	28	33
Fawkner	22	14	4	4	62	28	32
Werrabee	22	15	2	5	46	29	32
Frankston Pines	22	13	3	6	49	24	29
Langwarrin	22	11	5	6	52	37	27
Central Altona	22	8	3	11	44	46	19
Nunawading	22	6	5	11	35	40	17
Hamlyn Rangers	22	6	5	12	33	51	14
Sth. Dandenong	22	4	3	15	35	71	11
Melton	22	4	2	16	27	63	10
Carlton	22	2	3	17	21	77	7

Morwell Falcons	22	15	4	2	95	21	36
Melton	22	15	5	2	71	29	34
Geelong	22	15	4	3	56	19	34
Langwarrin	22	13	3	6	64	32	29
Werrabee	22	11	6	5	55	32	28

Nunawading	22	10	4	8	68	55	24
Frankston Pines	22	10	3	9	60	38	23
Fawkner	22	9	2	11	62	67	20
Hamlyn Rangers	22	8	1	13	28	68	17
Carlton	22	3	2	17	19	80	8
Sth. Dandenong	22	3	1	18	27	94	7
Central Altona	22	1	1	20	27	98	3

M*I*S*L FINAL TABLES

McColl	18	13	3	2	56	23	29
AWA-Thorn	18	10	5	3	47	26	25
Bosch	18	9	6	3	51	36	24
Kodak United	18	8	6	4	50	36	22
Repco Clayton	18	6	7	5	41	39	18
Dulux	18	7	—	11	48	72	14
Repco Richmond	18	4	5	9	48	54	13
Bowscot-Fibre-makers	18	4	5	9	40	83	13
Philip Morris	18	5	2	11	36	39	12
Tarax	18	2	5	11	32	61	9

DIVISION 2

Standard AST	18	14	3	1	77	18	31
Ericsson	18	14	3	1	84	32	31
Public Works	18	8	4	5	56	45	22
V.R.I.	18	8	4	5	43	40	20
Goodyear	18	7	4	7	39	44	18
Siemens	18	7	3	8	30	41	17
Patons Brakes	18	6	3	9	41	45	15
Cadbury	18	5	2	11	33	52	12
ACI Box Hill	18	4	2	12	27	71	10
HMAS Cerberus	18	2	—	—	16	11	57

DIVISION 3

CARTRO	17	15	1	1	84	17	31
Ford Falcons	17	13	1	3	58	21	27
L.E.T.S.	17	9	2	8	46	31	20
WILLS	17	9	2	8	55	38	20
Lyaght	17	8	2	7	44	52	18
Lyaght-Brownbuilt	17	7	3	7	37	34	17
Vickers Detroit	17	6	2	9	32	38	14
ANZ Bank	17	2	3	12	20	59	7
Loimier	17	—	1	16	11	90	1

LEADING GOALSCORERS

Division 1

Milan Stolicic (Bosch) 27 goals; Andrew Katnic (Repco Richmond) 25 goals; Mirko Dzanovskij (AWA-Thorn) 23 goals; Michael Ristic (McColl) 14 goals; John Williams (Dulux) 13 goals; Ray Langdale (Kodak) 12 goals; Graham Price (Philip Morris) 12 goals; Joe Rahjer (Repco Clayton) 12 goals; Phil Clarke (Kodak Utd.) 11 goals; Helmut Hirsch (Bowscot-Fibre) 11 goals; Slobodan Bozic (Bosch) 10 goals.

Division 2

Brana Basic (Ericsson) 26 goals; Robert Walker (Standard AST) 26 goals; Paul Philips (Goodyear) 17 goals; Eric Toombs (Patons Brakes) 17 goals; Nick Tanner (VRI) 15 goals; Horst Faas (Standard AST) 14 goals; Milan Jugovic (Ericsson) 12 goals; George Grigoriou (Public Works) 12 goals; David Semini (Public Works) 12 goals; Viado Dolevski (Goodyear) 10 goals; Dennis Ferguson (Ericsson) 10 goals; Mick Tanner (VRI) 10 goals; Brian Wilkinson (Public Works) 10 goals.

Division 3

Mladen Mutic (Ford Falcons) 20 goals; Kaz Kowalek (Cartro) 27 goals; Stan Hildebrand (Cartro) 27 goals; Steve Ellis (L.E.T.S.) 17 goals; Tethi Koken (L.B.I.) 17 goals; Ian Livingstone (Wills) 15 goals; Malcolm Dean (Vickers Detroit) 14 goals; Joe Keenan (Wills) 12 goals; Michael Burke (L.B.I.) 10 goals.

1974 Metropolitan 'Best and Fairest' Awards

Division I:

Hynds Ian, Altona City, 37; High D., Frankston City, 23; Mc Robert J., Sunshine City, 23; Pocock R., Sunshine City, 20; Klajn K., Kellor City, 19; Culina B., St. Albans, 17; Berens F., Green Gully, 15; Brown J., Box Hill, 14; Kupisz E., Kellor City, 13; K. Walsh, St. Albans, 13.

Division II:

Stenhouse A., Ferntree Gully, 18; Bozikis G., Princess Park, 15; Srahkan, Prahran City, 14; Telford J., Croydon, 14; McCourt D., Waverley, 13; Petersen J., Ringwood Utd., 12; Nikolaidis C., Princes Park, 11; Sjo N., Prahran City, 11; Tyrikos V., North Carlton, 11; Breslin D., Prahran City, 10; Ioannidis S., Richmond, 10.

Division III:

Lenders A., Coburg, 18; Smith I., Doveton, 17; Ashton W., Park Rangers, 16; Cassidy E., Park Rangers, 15; Malcolm R., Coburg, 15; Meadows K., Corio, 14; Campbell H., Chelsea, 14; Haupt M., Chelsea, 13; Poropat G., Essendon City, 13; M. van de Laak, Bayswater, 13.

Division IV:

Svungos D., East Melb., 31; Smith P., Mornington, 22; De Marchi L., Sth. Yarra, 16; Roessler P., Monash Uni., 16; Clisson P., Monash Uni., 15; Hoyle F., Monash Uni., 15; Andrews W., Broadmeadows, 13; Argeres C., Sandringham, 13; Gafa L., Broadmeadows, 13; Gregory S., Moorabbin, 13.

SOCCER POOLS ARE COMING

JUNIOR LEAGUE

PENINSULA REGION FINAL LADDERS 1974

Seaford	20	20	—	—	108	3	40
Peninsula	20	14	2	4	57	21	30
Doveton	20	12	2	6	47	23	26
Frankston Pines	20	4	1	15	11	69	8
Karingal	20	3	2	15	7	65	8
Overport	20	2	3	15	5	54	7

UNDER 9

Karingal	20	18	—	2	78	12	36
Overport	20	16	1	3	58	11	33
Frankston Pines	20	11	1	8	42	24	23
Seaford	20	5	2	13	23	41	12
Peninsula	20	3	2	15	7	63	8
Doveton	20	3	2	15	4	69	8

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JUNIOR NEWS FROM CLUBS

Pictured here with his team is Bill Reeves, manager-coach of the Seaford Under 10 Blacks.

Bill, who was born at Richmond, Victoria, joined Seaford Club in its formation year, 1969. He passes the coaches' course in 1972 and is an active member of the Frankston and Peninsula Junior Soccer Coaches Association. He has managed and coached the 7 to 10 age groups and has organised many competitions and carnivals for these youngsters.

Bill agrees that serious competition at this age can be detrimental to the

boys (mainly because of pressures from well-meaning parents) but feels that it would be unwise to abandon these age groups as these lads are the ones responsible for introducing soccer into primary schools. Many teachers are disinterested until won over by the enthusiasm of these boys who obviously get so much enjoyment from playing.

Bill is nothing if not versatile and has received an enthusiastic reception in secondary schools where he has spent a lot of time with Tom Wall teaching boys

and masters the fundamentals of soccer.

The Seaford Blacks this year won the Channel 9 Cup in the lightning premiership played during the Saturday afternoon telecasts. Three of Bill's sons are with Seaford juniors, Phillip, Paul and Geoff. Number 4 son can't wait until he's old enough to start. Seaford Club and the Peninsula district have a dedicated and capable coach and official in Bill Reeves.

Tom Wall
Publicity Officer
F.P.J.S.C.A.



Team members: Back row left to right; S. Raphael, M. Grandon, C. Martyszus, M. Richards, R. Armstrong, P. Reeves. Kneeling: J. Casperz (capt.), G. Barker (vice-capt.), R. Clema, G. Driver, M. Martyszus, J. Smith. Absent: M. Churches, R. Asgough, D. Paterson, A. Bennetts.

The annual Presentation of awards will be held on Sunday, October 13, at Donnybrook Mineral Springs. All members of each team to be present at 11.00 a.m. and parents are advised to bring their own boys.

Our congratulations to FAWKNER on winning the under 14 cup, and to FRANK CANVERT (formerly of Moreland) who, the grapevine tells us, was awarded the President's Trophy and the "Committee Man of the Year". Well done, Frank, from the Committee of Moreland Meadows.

MORELAND MEADOWS JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB

Under 10 Tournament
At Mossfield
Played 5-10-74.

Moreland Meadows entered two teams in this Carnival. The 'A' team was easily beaten by Mossfield in the first match.

As we do not have a regular Under 10 B team, this squad was comprised of the reserves from the regular Under 10 side, and approximately 10 boys ranging from Under 7 to Under 9.

The tournament was on a knock-out basis with 2 semi-finals and a final — with any match that ended in a draw to be decided on the penalty-kick system.

Our semi-final was against Mossfield and a fine spirited display by our lads resulted in a comfortable 5-0 victory.

In the final we met

to the other. It was a tremendous thrill for all concerned to see 22 boys battling their hearts out although it is doubtful whether by full time they could have mustered a big kick between them. This weariness, together with the tension, caused both sides to miss chances so painstakingly made and resulted in a goal-less score line — the match thus having to be decided by the taking of penalties.

Thanks to a tremendous save by our goalkeeper, Tony Mifsud, and another shot which hit the bar, we were fortunate enough to take out the trophy. In a match in which every member of the squad played his heart out it would be impossible to name the best and fairest without listing them all.

Thanks to Mossfield, our hosts, and thanks to Altona for a splendid final in which they were sporting in their defeat.

UNDER 9 MORELAND MEADOWS V. BROADMEADOWS (played 28-9-74)

Despite starting the match with most of our players in unfamiliar positions (in preparation for next season) Broadmeadows' lack of experience meant that we were never in any great degree of pressure. Consequently, it was hard to assess next year's potential although the interval saw us leading 3-1.

In the second half we reverted the majority of players to their accustomed positions and despite playing two very inexperienced lads we were rewarded with a

further seven goals. All the regular players gave almost faultless performances and P. Hughes, playing in only his second game, lived up to the potential that he displayed in his first match.

The honours, this week, must go to the goalscorers — A. Makowski (5), C. Maltezos (3), Daryn Pace.

Thanks Broadmeadows for a sporting game.

Under 10 Moreland Meadows v. Melbourne (played 28-9-74) Result 0-0.

This was the important one for Moreland. Tactics for this game had been prepared well in advance and the lads did exactly what was asked of them by the coach.

Showing great determination and ability they were, in fact, rather unlucky not to be in the lead at half-time against the League Champions.

Melbourne, quite justly, thought they had the game 'in the bag' with the wind advantage to come in the second half. It was not to be however, as Moreland played even better against the wind and Melbourne had only two worthwhile shots at goal — the first Philip Montalto smothered with a very fine save and the second grazing the crossbar.

Moreland went close to scoring on several occasions but just couldn't get that final shot in, and the game finished in a goal-less draw.

It was the first game this season that Melbourne had failed to

The Bendigo Soccer League Knock-Out Cup has reached its semi-finals stage following the games played on Sunday, 29th. September, which saw the following results:

Castlemaine 1, Strathdale 3; Colts 0, Swan Hill 4; Echuca 2, B.I.T. 2. (After extra time, scores had been tied 1-1 at the end of 90 minutes. B.I.T. won 6-4 after penalties); Golden City 1, Puckapunyal 3. Puckapunyal thus gained revenge over

Golden City who pipped them for the League Championship on goal average and are now hot favourites for the Cup. A new name is sure to be engraved on the Cup as Golden City have won it on each of the three previous years it has been competed for.

The draw for the semi-finals is:

Swan Hill v. B.I.T. (Beischer Oval, 1 p.m.)
Puckapunyal v. Strathdale (Beischer Oval, 3 p.m.).

Lalor Soccer League Ladder Contd.

UNDER 11									
Green Gully Ajax	22	20	—	2	120	8	40		
Altona A	21	20	—	1	93	7	40		
Sunshine City	22	14	4	4	50	14	32		
St. Albans	21	14	3	4	58	19	31		
Melton A	22	12	2	8	44	36	28		
Sunshine Heights	21	11	4	6	33	31	26		
Albion Rovers	22	8	3	11	29	54	19		
Mossfield Rangers	22	7	1	14	18	64	16		
Melton B	22	4	2	16	14	68	10		
Altona B	22	3	3	16	22	76	8		
Kellor City	21	3	2	16	12	36	8		
Newport-Ardeer	20	1	—	19	7	82	2		

UNDER 12									
Sunshine City	22	21	1	—	124	8	43		
Altona	21	16	1	4	112	13	33		
Mossfield Rangers	21	14	3	4	61	8	31		
St. Albans A	21	15	1	5	77	19	31		
Sunshine Heights	21	14	2	5	89	13	30		
Melton	22	12	—	10	42	36	24		
Western Suburbs	21	9	1	11	33	55	19		
Green Gully Ajax	22	7	3	12	23	43	17		
Werribee	21	7	1	13	39	67	16		
St. Albans B	22	2	3	17	8	99	7		
Lechia	22	1	3	18	8	101	6		
Sunbury	22	1	1	20	12	163	3		

UNDER 13									
Sunshine Heights	17	17	—	—	124	2	34		
Kellor City	17	11	3	3	38	13	25		
Altona	18	11	2	5	34	34	24		
Lechia	16	11	1	4	51	21	23		
Newport-Ardeer	15	10	—	5	29	22	20		
Mossfield Rangers	18	8	2	8	46	37	18		
Albion Rovers	18	4	4	10	18	56	12		
Sunshine City	18	2	3	13	12	38	7		
Sunbury	17	2	—	15	10	82	4		
St. Albans	16	1	1	14	7	62	3		

UNDER 14									
Albion Rovers	20	15	4	1	101	23	34		
Lechia	20	14	4	2	76	14	32		
St. Albans	19	12	3	4	71	31	27		
Green Gully Ajax	17	11	3	3	60	16	25		
Sunshine Heights	20	11	3	6	64	28	25		
Altona	20	9	5	5	66	21	24		
St. Pauls	19	8	1	10	49	39	17		
Mossfield Rangers	20	6	—	14	28	69	12		
Kensington	20	4	1	15	18	63	9		
Melton	19	3	2	14	24	87	8		
Werribee	19	—	—	19	1	153	0		

UNDER 15									
Sunshine City	18	13	4	1	89	21	30		
Altona	17	12	3	2	71	16	27		
Kellor City	18	11	5	2	73	23	27		
Mossfield Rangers	17	11	4	2	66	20	26		
Sunshine Heights	18	10	4	4	64	32	24		
Corio	18	7	1	10	43	51	15		
Coburg	18	4	4	10	25	65	12		
Central Altona	18	3	2	12	31	62	10		
Sunbury	18	3	1	14	22	87	7		
Barwon	14	1	1	12	9	97	3		

UNDER 16									
Geelong	18	12	—	4	64	12	24		
Hamlyn Rangers	16	11	1	4	80	18	23		
St. Pauls	15	11	—	4	48	16	22		
St. Albans	16	11	—	5	45	31	22		
Albion Rovers	15	9	—	6	34	27	18		
Bell Park	15	6	2	6	32	30	14		
Essendon City	15	3	1	11	26	48	7		
Mossfield Rangers	16	2	1	14	16	54	6		
Barwon	14	1	1	12	9	97	3		

Karingal United 3 Croydon City 1, after extra time. The J.L.M.C. finals played at Dendy Park, Brighton, last weekend highlighted the tremendous junior soccer talent we have in Victoria.

This was never better on the pitch, making it illustrated than in the under 9 bracket where youngsters, but they Karingal and Croydon put on a remarkably mature display to delight the crowd. Heavy overnight rain had left water laying

score. Well done, lads, on a magnificent game to end the season. It was a game in which arrogance did not pay off, and our team went on to show that our approach was more "professional".

Best for Moreland — A. Alessi, P. Montalto.

Under 10 'B' v. Altona 'B' (29-9-74)

Result — a win to Moreland 1-0.

Moreland kicked off with the breeze and were quick to attack but missed several chances.

Altona came back in attack in the latter stages of the first half but good defensive play by E. Sikkes prevented any great danger to the Moreland keeper.

In the second half Moreland went ahead through R. Zahra who, from a cross by L. Leaney, gave the Altona goalkeeper no chance with a fine goal. E. Tabone, playing at half back, showed good touches and Moreland held out against further Altona pressure until the final whistle.

Best for Moreland — D.

DISTRICT LEAGUE CUP RESULTS

Royal Park	7- Centr. Brunswick	0
Burnley	2 Galverston	4
North Melb.	3 Thomastown	4
Monbulk	3 Nth. Sunshine	2
Rosanna	1 Greensborough	7
Hawthorn	— Williamstown	—
East Carlton	— Sth. Oakleigh	—
Nunawading UTD.	4 Balaclava	3
East Brunswick	1 Nth. Dandenong	2
Pascoe Vale	2 Sunbury Utd.	5
Mordialloc	— Chadstone	2
Hotham Utd.	4 Nth. Springvale	8
Latrobe Uni.	4 Kensington	3
Postal Inst.	10 Karingal	0
Bulleen	3 Diamond Creek	3

RESERVE CUP RESULTS

Nunawading Utd.	— Postal Inst.	—w.o P1
Rosanna	1 E. Carlton	4
Mitcham	8 Hotham Utd.	3
Latrobe Uni.	4 Sunbury Utd.	3
Nth. Springvale	— Sth. Oakleigh	—
Galverston	1 Thomastown	1
Karingal	6 Bulleen	2

V.S.R.F. His display highlighted the success and value of the referees' courses being taken by Victoria's whistlemen in suburban areas.

Croydon strode into this match as if they would walk all over Karingal and subjected the peninsula side to continuous pressure.

Garry McDaid took a corner in the 19th minute and his inswinger deflected off defender Mark Banks into the net, to put Croydon one up.

That they did not score anymore was due largely to the great goalkeeping of Simon Howd, who looks to have a great future in the game.

Croydon forwards were a little off target, as Bole-Brown and McDaid shot past the post, when a little more steadiness might have produced goals.

The second half started in similar manner and Croydon might have had several goals in the first three minutes, but then Karingal began to take the initiative.

A penalty after 12 minutes produced the equaliser from Steven Whitteigh and from then on it was all Karingal but Croydon held on until the end of normal time.

Peter Schreiner was the springboard of most of Karingal attacks.

His defence splitting passes were worthy of a player of much greater experience and maturity. Lloyd Sampson played well for Croydon and materially assisted in keeping the scores level up to full-time.

Croydon's little fellows

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Deleonardis, E. Sikkes. At the end of this match a special presentation was made to Edwin Sikkes for a wonderful example of sportsmanship and team spirit throughout the season. Congratulations, Edwin.

Under 11 Moreland 5 Broadmeadows 0 (29-9-74)

Moreland proved to be too strong for the team that City are preparing for next year.

In the first half Vogel opened the scoring with two beautiful goals. This example gave R. James

began to tire in extra time. Following a throw in Steven Whitteigh crossed for David Cairns to hit a long shot which skidded into the net off the wet surface.

It was now all Karingal and Dale Cameron beat two men. His shot was kicked out by a Croydon defender, straight to Cameron's foot and was promptly hit into the net. A draw was fair at full-time but Karingal deserved to win in extra time.

Morrie Kirby, GTV 9 sports editor presented the trophy and said that it was because of his channel's interest in the way youngsters who play the game, that they had decided to lose money for three years to promote soccer.

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and R. Cortese the incentive to make it 4-0. In the second half changes were made to both sides and, although our boys tried hard, P. Campbell was the only one able to find the net. A. Paolini took over in goal from Michael Montalto who took over the No. 2 spot. Albert, please stay closer to your goal in future!

It was a good game in which the defence and mid-field withstood all attacks with confidence. Well done, lads, and thank you, City.